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NAZI MASS MURDER HORROR

Paris, To-day.

Over 130 people, including two doctors, 17 women and a boy of 14, were shot dead by Nazi troops in a mass murder at Waver and near Anin, according to reports reaching official Polish sources in Paris.

The murder was a reprisal because two men wanted by the police shot two German soldiers who were about to arrest them in a restaurant at Waver.

The commanding officer immediately ordered one inhabitant in 10 in Waver and Anin to be shot.

Families were dragged from houses and machinegunned and the owner of the restaurant was hanged.

The Germans also stopped a train and shot one passenger in five.

It is added that 72 Poles were also killed in a similar mass murder near Cracow.—Reuter.

FRENCH RAID SOVIET BUREAU

Paris, To-day.

The Soviet Ambassador has lodged a protest against a French police raid on the premises of the Soviet Trade Bureau in Paris.

His protest says that members of the Bureau were detained while the search was being made and that some documents were seized. He demands the return of the documents.—Reuter.

ARMANISTAN SUNK

LAS PALMA, TO-DAY.

THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF 53 OF THE BRITISH FREIGHTER ARMANISTAN WERE LANDED HERE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT BY THE SPANISH MOTORSHIP ON-TEBRIL.

The Armanistan was torpedoed without warning by a U-boat 30 miles off Lisbon on Feb. 8. The whole crew were rescued.

Three Lascar seamen who were wounded by the explosion were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

PARIS, TO-DAY.
AS THE FRENCH COMMAND CONTINUES TO SOUND AND PROBE THE GERMAN LINES, PATROL ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT IS INCREASING.

During the past 24 hours three patrols advanced into No-Ma's Land between the Moselle and the Saar and thence penetrated the German lines.

All returned with much interesting information and without being challenged or engaged by the Germans.

At five or six points along the Rhine, in northern Alsace and north of Strasbourg, there have been lively exchanges of fire between infantry manning the casemates of the Siegfried and Maginot Lines.

Air operations are still practically nil owing to the weather.

No activity is reported on the Allied side but a solitary German plane made a short reconnaissance flight in lower Alsace.

Reports of the suspension of leave in the German army are not confirmed in Paris, where it is thought that any suspension may be only partial and due to transport difficulties.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING STAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WITH REFERENCE TO REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT BE AVERSE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN A CHINESE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING MR. WANG CHING-WEI, AN AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN IN LONDON WAS ASKED WHETHER THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED IN THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH THE GENERALISSIMO IN CHUNGKING.

The spokesman replied that while no information was available on the subjects discussed it seemed most improbable that this suggestion had been mentioned.

The Chungking Government was alone capable of dealing with such a suggestion; moreover the Chungking Government had repeatedly made plain its attitude towards suggestions of collaboration with Japan.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT MEETING IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

The Supreme Defence Council is meeting to-day under the Presidency of Signor Mussolini and important military questions will be discussed, according to the Stefani Agency.

The meeting will be attended by the heads of the armed forces and the President of the Civil Mobilisation Committee.—Reuter.

MYSTERY EXPLOSIONS

London, To-day.
A series of explosions at sea shook towns on the East Coast of England last night. Lifeboats stood by but hitherto have not been called out.—Reuter.

SHAPING OF THINGS TO COME

London, To-day.

"This time the decision will be fought out," Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels told responsible chiefs of the German propaganda service, according to the German wireless.

Dr. Goebbels drew a picture of the attitude of the German people "during these weeks of waiting for the great decision which will have to be settled definitely this time."

Concluding, Dr. Goebbels said: "There is only one problem in the forefront and that is the problem of how we shall win the war. All other problems must be subordinate to this." — Reuter.

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London, To-day.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE in the evacuation areas is to be made compulsory to save children from growing demoralisation.

This was announced in the House of Lords by Earl de la Warr, President of the Board of Education, replying to a motion by the Archbishop of Canterbury asking the Government for a statement of educational policy.

Earl de la Warr said that out of nearly 1,250,000 children now in the danger areas some 400,000 were receiving no schooling or care at all.

Whatever the risk of air raids, and he believed the risk to be still great, that situation could not be allowed to continue, and from now on they must see that every child went to school somewhere.

If parents were unwilling to send their children to the comparative safety of the reception areas then they must send them to school in towns.

Fulltime schooling would be the objective but he would regard halftime provision for all children by the beginning of April as an acceptable minimum.—Reuter.

ACCORDING TO D.N.B.

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY AN EXCHANGE OF GOODS UNDER THE GERMAN-SOVIET PACT IS NOW PROCEEDING ON A LARGE SCALE.

Grain, oil, iron, steel and other metals, hemp, flax and manganese are among the important materials involved, it claims.

Russian goods at present are being reloaded into German trucks at the frontier. At two stations, war prisoners are employed to accelerate the re-loading.—Reuter.

GERMANY THREATENS NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

A new "warning" to neutrals was given in a broadcast by Rear-Admiral von Luetzow over the German wireless.

He said: "Germany is watching with the closest attention what the neutrals will do to free themselves from Britain's blockade measures."

"The future will reveal how Germany will retaliate against these measures," he concluded.—Reuter.

DEATH PENALTY FOR ESPIONAGE

London, To-day.

It is understood that legal experts are considering the advisability of instituting the death penalty for serious cases of disclosure of information to the enemy, to which the Prime Minister referred in the House of Commons.

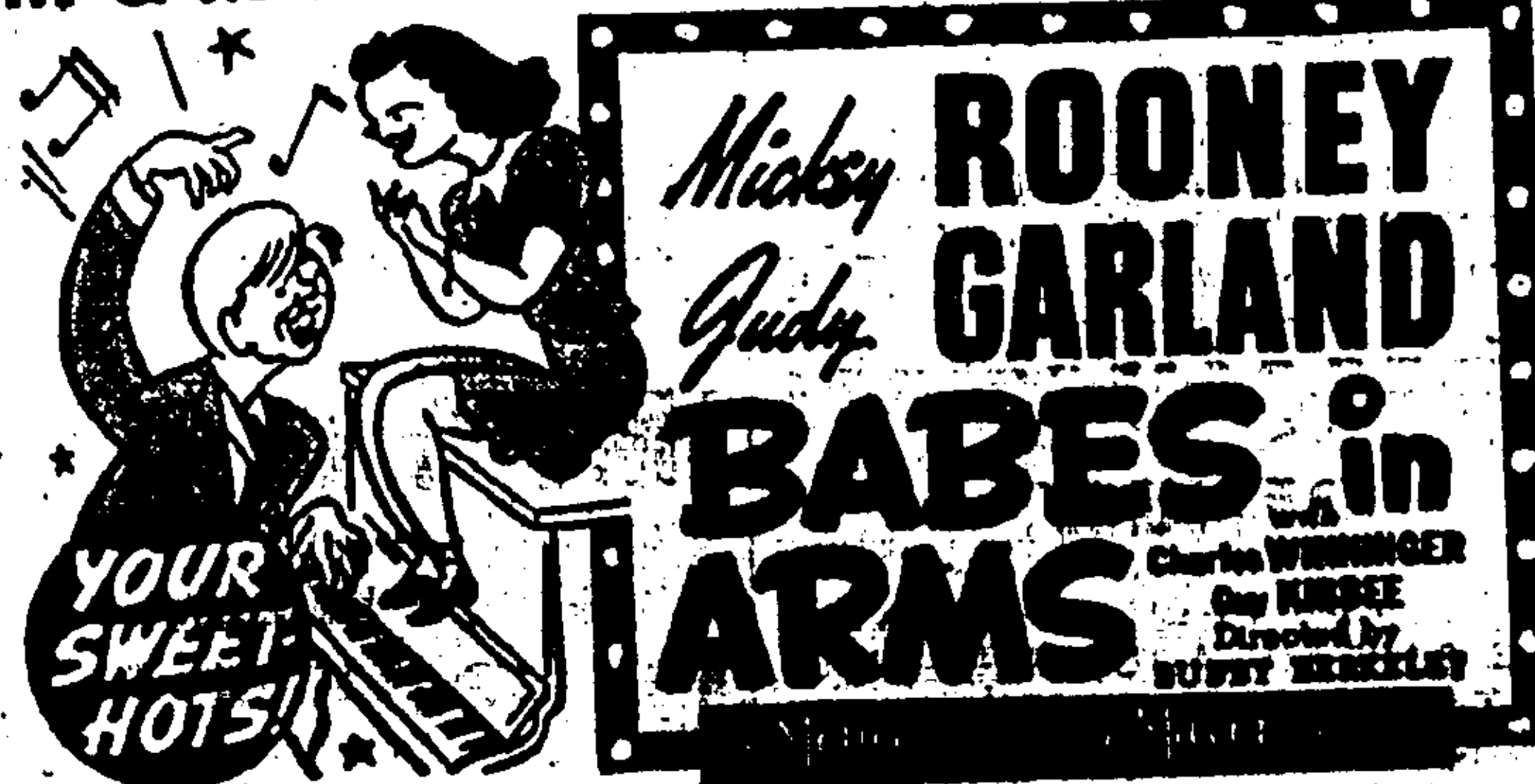
The experts' decision will be reported to the Government, who will take any necessary action.—Reuter.

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RAMIFICATIONS OF NAZI MENACE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

The extent of the activities of the Nazi Auslander organisation in the Union and South-West Africa was revealed by the Premier, General Smuts, opening the second reading of the debate on the Emergency Regulations Bill.

General Smuts said the organisation absorbed the largest proportion of the funds collected in South Africa "for relief in Germany."

Germans or people of German extraction were compelled to join the organisation or be subjected to social and economic boycott.

The relations of defaulters still in Germany were threatened with confiscation of their property or imprisonment.

In South-West Africa, local groups were sub-divided into smaller cells. The organisation possessed a scheduler, or arbitrator, which was really a party court which usurped the jurisdiction of the regular courts. They also had a secret newspaper.

FULL LIST

General Smuts said the Government had a full list of Nazi organisation membership in South Africa.

The Government immediately acted on that list, and every one had been or would be interned.

Proof of innocence rested on these people, and the Government would deal fairly with them as with those interned for German sympathies.

DEFENCE POLICY

Referring to the defence policy of the Union, General Smuts said Kenya, Tanganyika and other territories were to a large extent the frontiers of the Union, and it would be a pusillanimous and suicidal policy to leave these outposts in the lurch.

South Africa would be forced in her own interests to go to the help of these communities.

General Smuts considered it was in the best interests of the Union to take the lead not only

GANDHI ON THE OUTLOOK

Allahabad, To-day.

"I cannot regard the talks as broken; I think and hope they are only suspended," declared Mr. Gandhi at Jhansi yesterday, en route to Wardha after his interview with the Viceroy.

Mr. Gandhi added: "My firm belief is that we shall be reaching our goal much sooner than anticipated. We won't require another struggle."—Reuter.

In co-operation but in the other direction.

Military opinion was unanimous in considering that the real defences of the Union lay further north, far beyond their own borders.

General Smuts declared the Union had informed the British Government of their willingness to grant facilities to train British airmen in South Africa.—Reuter.

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Nazi Threats To Neutral Ships Off Britain

INTERNATIONAL RULES OF RIGHT

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.
THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER "SOZIAL-DEMOKRATEN" REPLIES TO THE NAZI WARNING AGAINST NEUTRAL SHIPS VOYAGING OFF THE ENGLISH COASTS.

It particularly refers to allegations about neutral shipping appearing in the Nazi journal "Der Angriff," and says: "What Denmark wishes is only to live in peace."

"What we ask for and even claim under signed treaties and acknowledged international rules of right is only to be allowed to carry on economically and politically to as great an extent as possible."

"When the Angriff frankly states that he who perishes while sailing near England must himself take the responsibility, that is a sentence which is contrary to international rights and international agreements."

"On account of this method of war Denmark has lost a number of ships, including some of her best vessels, with the loss of about 200 lives."

INCOMPREHENSIBLE

"An English politician in a recent speech said England hadn't sunk any neutral ships. The same cannot be said for the counter-party."

"For us in Denmark it is completely incomprehensible that Germany is sinking our ships without warning."

Even ships in ballast are victims and the crews are not given a chance to save themselves.

"The neutrals are keeping up their trade as hitherto; they have a right to do it and that right ought to be frankly acknowledged."—Reuter.

DETENTIONS UNDER NEW POWERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE HOME SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY SAID THAT FROM SEPT. 1 LAST TO DEC. 31 DETENTION ORDERS UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS WERE MADE AGAINST 62 PERSONS, OF WHOM 23 WERE RELEASED.

Eleven of these were Irish and were released on an undertaking to leave the country. Eight were released subject to restriction orders, and four were released unconditionally.

The last four were persons of enemy origin who had been resident abroad and they were detained as a measure of precaution on entering this country, as they were unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves, but after enquiries it was found possible to authorise their release.—Reuter.

BALKAN SOLIDARITY

Ankara, To-day.
 "Henceforth differences between the Balkan countries will be resolved as between members of one family," declared M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, on his return to Istanbul from the Balkan Conference at Belgrade. He added: "Sentiments of solidarity between the guardians of peace in the Balkans are sufficiently strong to prevent the flame of war from spreading to this region."—Reuter.

HUNT FOR "MASTER KEY MAN"

Detectives attached to Vine-street (London) Police Station are having no rest. They have been given orders to keep up the search for the man with the master key.

Five times this man has brought off daring thefts from West End flats, stealing furs, jewellery and other articles to the value of £3,000.

His latest victim is Lady Queensberry. The thief calmly entered her house in Charles-street, where she has a studio, and took away a box containing more than £1,000 worth of jewels.

Police believe the man has obtained copies of the keys to flats and houses in the West End—particularly Park-lane area—by getting an order to view when flats were "to let."

In no instance has there been a forcible entry; the flats have been opened by keys, and carefully locked afterwards.

Since the beginning of war—and the black-out—losses by West-End robberies in private houses, flats and shops total more than £20,000, mainly jewellery.

FIFTH COLUMN IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
 In the House of Commons yesterday, the Foreign Secretary was asked whether steps could be taken by the police to prevent Fascist interruptions of speeches of Cabinet Ministers, as these disturbances were designed to help the enemy?

Sir John Anderson replied that however much one might deplore such interruptions, public meetings addressed by Cabinet Ministers are in the same position as other public meetings, and that therefore no greater protection can be given to Cabinet Ministers than to other speakers.—Reuter.

BRITISH AID TO CHINA

London, To-day.
 A letter in "The Times," signed by H. A. L. Fisher, A. D. Lindsay, Robert Menzies, J. Hope-Simpson and J. E. K. Studd, appeals for funds which it says are urgently needed to meet the expense of sending out a small British unit of University men which will shortly leave for Kweiyang in response to an appeal for fresh personnel which has reached the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China from the relief station at Kweiyang, where the present staff must be replaced this Spring.

The letter states that members of the unit are giving their services.—Reuter.

CANADIAN NICKEL

Canada produces about 90 per cent. of the world's annual production of nickel, almost the entire output coming from deposits in Northern Ontario, though other deposits are known to occur in New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North-West Territories.

The Dominion's nickel production last year amounted to well over 105,000 tons, or 6.3 per cent. below the highest peak of all in 1937.

ALL BRITISH DEAD WERE RECOVERED

A French communique reveals that several trips were made through the knee-deep sea of mud of the No Man's Land between the Allied and German front lines to bring back dead and wounded men of the B.E.F.

The communique, sent to British Headquarters, stated that all the dead and wounded had been brought back to French soil again.

M.P. FOR BELFAST RETURNED UNOPPOSED

London, To-day.
 Mr. Henry P. Harland has been returned unopposed as M.P. for East Belfast.

The seat was rendered vacant by the elevation to the Peerage of Capt. the Right Hon. H. Dixon.—Reuter.

10,000 INDIANS ON WARPATH

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SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR SAYS:

FIRST CONDITION OF PEACE IS VICTORY

London, To-day.
SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, leader of the Liberals in Parliament, discussed the question of peace in an address on his installation yesterday as Lord Rector of Glasgow University.

Sir Archibald said an indispensable condition for obtaining an adequate peace was victory.

The Nazi system was a cancer in the body of Europe, devouring all healthy tissues of civilisation.

He referred to the concentration camps as "those loathsome festering sores," and continued:

"In fighting Hitler's foul conspiracy against the principles of the decency of Western civilisation none can doubt the justice of our cause."

It was a gigantic and hazardous enterprise to which we were committed, which called for the greatest effort the whole nation and every individual man and woman could exert.—Reuter.

HESS'S STAR RISING

There are indications that Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, is being "built up" to occupy a more prominent place in public life. He received recently a party of political organisers from Poland, and at the end of the interview Hess handed each of them a portrait of himself.

This characteristically Hitlerian gesture is one which the Fuehrer very seldom permits one of his Ministers to make.



His Excellency the Governor opening the palatial new coolies quarters at the Kowloon Godown.

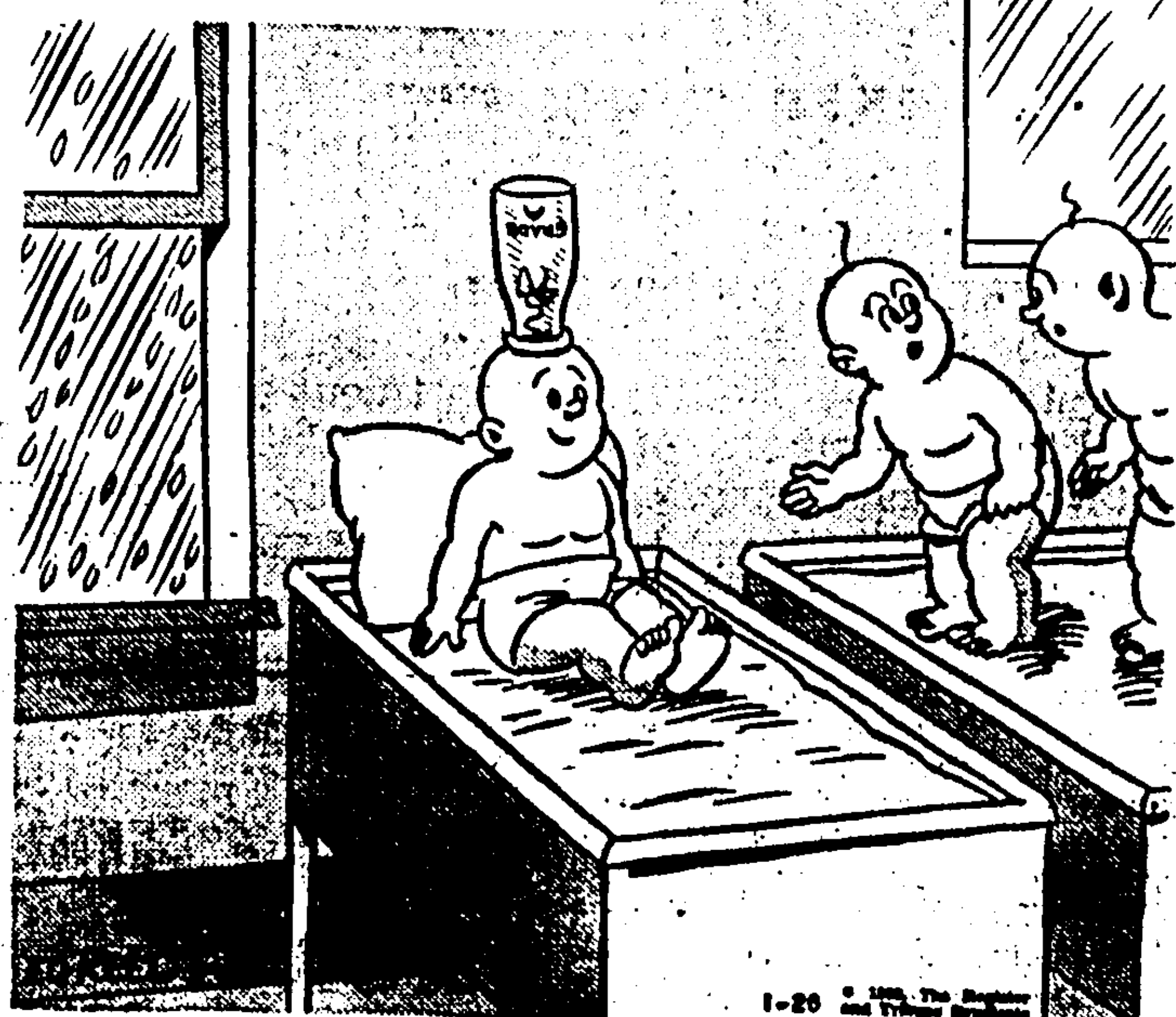


Reporters of the local Chinese newspapers held their first sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Wednesday. Above is the thread-the-needle race.

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BUT STILL ONLY IN FIRST LINE OF DEFENCES

Stockholm, To-day.

DURING FIERCE FIGHTING in the Summa sector of the Mannerheim Line the Russians are believed to have made a dent in the Finnish front line, bringing them within about 20 miles of the important port of Viipuri.

It is extremely unlikely, however, that they will penetrate far into the stout defences of the Mannerheim Line, as after a violent battle lasting some days and involving the expenditure of vast quantities of ammunition and many lives they are still only in the first-line defences.

A Finnish communique issued in Helsinki states that on the Karelian Isthmus the Reds continued the attacks between Haljaladenjaervi and Summa, all of which failed.

In the Summa sector the enemy attacked four times with tanks and were repulsed with losses.

Attempts to transport infantry on armoured sledges pulled by tanks also failed. During the day about 20 tanks were destroyed or put out of action.

On the eastern front the Finns scattered completely an enemy skiing battalion; the Reds lost over 300 killed.

Fighting continued in the direction of Kuhmo; the Reds' losses in the battle of Kuhmo in the last six days amount to about 1,500 killed.—Reuter.

Of Losses Red Army Careless

Helsinki, To-day.

As a result of 10 days' fighting in which they were careless of losses, the Soviets seem to be making a little progress against the Mannerheim Line, having penetrated it at one point to within about 20 miles of Viborg.

So far, however, there is no indication that it is a serious breach or a break-through. The Mannerheim Line is not a line but a series of defences of considerable depth.

The Russians suffered heavy losses in this attempt, one estimate putting the losses at 5,000 men.

On the Central Front, there is still fighting near Suomussalmi, where the Finns are reported to have defeated a Soviet battalion.

On the Salla Front, Swedish volunteers have taken over a section of the front from Finnish soldiers who have been fighting the Soviets almost continuously since the war began.

At sea, the Soviets appear to have taken a leaf out of the Nazi Notebook, and have machine-gunned and sunk the Wirgo, a small Swedish ship, near the Aaland Islands.

The Swedish Government is expected to lodge a protest.—Reuter.

Mannerheim Line Stands Firm

Stockholm, To-day.

Despite vast Russian expenditure in men and materials in the last 11 days the Mannerheim Line stands firm.

Soviet losses on the various fronts in the last two days alone are estimated here at 3,000 to 4,000 men, while Finnish losses are not known.

The Finnish troops are strengthen-

ing the defences at Summa, where a big battle has been raging since last week.

It is possible that yet another Russian division is in difficulties on the central and northern front.

For just over a week the Finnish troops released after the victories at Suomussalmi and Lake Kianta have been trying to surround this division north of Kuhmo.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

Yesterday's Finnish communique reports that Finnish troops in the Kuhmo area have improved their positions, while a battalion of Soviet troops was cut down with losses of 250 men while trying to cross the frontier south of Raate. Doubtless this was part of the hard-pressed Soviet division.

Another body of 300 men was destroyed in this region the previous day.

Meanwhile the Finns are still mopping up the "lost" division north of Lake Ladoga, and are beating off attempts to relieve it.

ATTACK REPULSED

An attack supported by artillery and tanks is reported to have been repulsed in this region; one Soviet column comprising heavy guns, four tanks and over 60 motor vehicles was destroyed.

The Russians have made very few bombing raids in the last few days. The arrival of British and other foreign fighting aircraft seems to have had a strong deterrent effect.

The Finnish air force is again reported to have bombed enemy columns and concentrations of mechanised vehicles.

The Finns announce that the Russians have lost five more planes.—Reuter.

Gaol Bombed

Helsinki, To-day.

Among the buildings at Kajama bombed by Soviet planes were the gaol, containing a number of Russian prisoners, and the hospital, which was marked with the Red Cross.—Reuter.

Russian Losses Of Material

Copenhagen, To-day.

War material lost by the Russians since the outbreak of the Finnish war includes 308 aeroplanes and 568 tanks, according to reliable information reaching here.

Among other Russian losses are stated to be 1,560 horses, 20 tractors, 294 machineguns and 235 automatic pistols.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN TANK ARMADA DIMINISHED

Helsinki, To-day.

Nearly one-fifth of Russia's great armada of tanks on the Finnish front have now been destroyed, according to estimates here, and the number destroyed is given as 600.

The failure of the Soviet tanks has been one of the chief features of the present offensive against the Mannerheim Line.

Russian losses in the Summa battle are now estimated at 5,000, and Finnish losses probably not one-fifth of this.—Reuter.

NO LACK OF FOOD

Helsinki, To-day.

There are two encouraging items of Home news from Finland to-day.

Despite the war, the Finns are not suffering from any lack of food, and indeed the Government has asked the people to eat more and thus safeguard their health and fitness for the winter.

More land is being put under cultivation for fresh vegetables, while a neutral correspondent reports that he has never found anything but good food and plenty of it.

Steps are being taken to see that the education of Finnish children does not cease owing to the war. Those evacuated from the danger areas will receive their education through the radio, by post or through the newspapers.—Reuter.

HUNT FOR PARACHUTE JUMPERS

Stockholm, To-day.

Finnish patrols are combing territory between Rovaniemi and the Gulf of Bothnia for Soviet parachute troops believed to be still at large.

About 60 of these troops were dropped from the air, and not all were rounded up.

They are dressed in Finnish uniform and their equipment includes apparatus for tapping Finnish telephone lines.

The "Sevenska Dagbladet" reports that a Finnish patrol returned to northern headquarters after penetrating the Russian lines as far as the White Sea, bringing back valuable information.

The Finns are now engaged in strengthening their positions at Summa, on the Karelian Isthmus, where the Russians are believed to have dented the front line, bringing them within 20 miles of Viipuri.—Reuter.

CHINESE "THREAT" TO BOMB JAPAN

Shanghai, To-day.

Extensive air raid precaution measures are being taken by the authorities in Japan, according to Japanese reports yesterday.

It is said that the Japanese have received information that the Chinese Air Force plan to send a "suicide squadron" to bomb Japan.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. AND SOVIET: HULL LETTER

Washington, To-day.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a letter to the Senate foreign relations committee, published yesterday, said the State Department had not considered the continuance of diplomatic relations with Russia "wholly contingent" upon fulfilment by the Soviet of the pledge in the Litvinoff agreements preceding official recognition of the Soviet Union by the U.S.A. in 1933.

Senator Vandenberg had proposed a resolution asking the State Department to say whether the Soviet had observed the Litvinoff agreements, contending that the Soviet had violated these pledges, and urging the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

Mr. Hull's letter stated that the State Department on several occasions "had ground to believe that the Soviet Government was not living up to the obligations undertaken at the time of the establishment" of relations.

Senator Vandenberg said he interpreted Mr. Hull's letter as a "political conviction" of Moscow, and added: "The cumulative case brought down to date would seem to multiply the reasons for wondering why the United States should be the only American Republic maintaining diplomatic relations with Moscow."—Reuter.

BOMBING NR. INDO-CHINA FRONTIER

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.

Hundreds of bombs were dropped along the Kwangsi-French Indo-China border on Wednesday afternoon and some it is alleged fell in French territory.

Extensive damage was done to farms and villages details of which have not been received.

It is also reported that the Japanese machines, numbering some 30, flew over the border and penetrated several miles into French territory.—Our Own Correspondent.

War Council Eulogy by The Prime Minister

CHAMBERLAIN SUMS UP WAR SITUATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
GREETED WITH CHEERS WHEN RISING TO MAKE HIS SUMMARY ON THE WAR POSITION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, SAID THAT IN RECENT WEEKS WINTER HAD GRIPPED EUROPE, HALTING THE OPERATIONS OF WAR AND INTERRUPTING EVEN THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF NATIONS, SO THAT THERE HAD BEEN FEW EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO RECORD.

Referring to the meeting of the Allied War Council in Paris on Monday last, Mr. Chamberlain said members did not gain much from the laconic communique issued after the meeting.

"I wish indeed that I could light the darkness and give the House an account of our proceedings, but I know that no-one will desire me to be guilty of making such generous gifts to the enemy.

"It could, I think, be useful for me to say a little about the background of the meeting and the general impressions brought back with me from France.

"In the first place the Council was larger than on previous occasions.

"I have indeed the impression that as the weeks go by the Council is steadily growing in importance and has become not merely a convenient means of harmonising the views of the two Governments but a vital instrument in the successful prosecution of the war.

"As M. Daladier said, the Council now conduct their business almost as if they were the cabinet of a single government.

ESSENTIAL FACTOR

"That is not to say that the government of either country has in any way surrendered its responsibility, but that an understanding has been reached which will prove to be an essential factor in the eventual victory of the Allies.

"The value of the Supreme Council's proceedings is not in my judgment confined to the value of the business discussed.

"Much else is gained from the friendly informal contact between responsible leaders of the two nations.

"I have returned from Paris with the conviction that the bond between our two countries is something greater than even the close alliance which the common purpose and the common danger have enforced.

"It has become a deep and lasting friendship between the two peoples. (Cheers).

ATTEMPT FAILS

"Our enemies have lost no opportunity, by every means of propaganda at their disposal, by spreading false rumours and by ceaseless lies (Cheers) of seeking to divide Britain from France. In that attempt they have failed." (Cheers).

The Prime Minister said that sufficient answer to the enemy's efforts to sow dissension between us was a phrase he had heard so often from his French colleagues—"Nous sommes d'accord" ("We are in agreement").

FINNISH HEROISM

The Finnish people, Mr. Chamberlain went on, continued their heroic struggle against an enemy who was using his huge air fleet in a vain endeavour to shake their spirit, by burning the homes of the poor, scattering with high explosives hospitals full of wounded men, and pursuing defenceless citizens with machineguns. (Cheers).

The success which hitherto had attended the Finnish arm had evoked the admiration of the world, and "we rejoice to think that the help given from this country has been of real value to Finland. Further help is now on its way." (Loud cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the Balkan Entente conference and the decision to renew the Entente for seven years, said: "This announcement indicates the determination of the governments of these countries to do everything in their power to maintain the stability and security of south-east Europe.

"The decision is most welcome especially if the other states of south-east Europe have this important object equally at heart. "His Majesty's Government warmly sympathise with the efforts which they sincerely hope may be attended with success."

GREEK SETTLEMENT

Referring to the financial discussions with the Greek authorities, Mr. Chamberlain said that satisfactory agreement had been reached on a number of financial and economic questions of mutual interest to the two governments.

These included a settlement regarding the service of the Greek external debt for the duration of the war negotiated between the Greek Minister of Finance and the Council of Foreign Bondholders and the League Loans Committee.

He went on to say that there was no change in the military situation on the Western Front. In the air, wintry conditions had exposed men and material to the sternest test of adequacy. The strain on the Royal Air Force had been severe, but it had been borne without flinching (cheers).

NAZI AIR ATTACKS

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to the U-boat sunk when trying to attack a convoy and to the three Nazi planes shot down on February 4 and added: "We know that at least one other was so badly damaged that it was probably unable to reach its base."

The extent of successes claimed by Germany for this method of attack bore no relation to the facts, said the Premier. For example, on February 3, it was asserted that in an air raid on that day along the East Coast no less than nine merchantmen as well as other vessels were sunk, and that the British ships sunk were all in convoy.

The facts are that in this raid, one Norwegian merchantman was sunk and no British merchantman lost.

SMOKESCREEN

"These vauntings," said Mr. Chamberlain, "are poured out like a smoke-screen to conceal stories of callous brutality as inhuman as any yet on record of an enemy." (Hear, hear).

The bombing of unarmed merchantships and fishing boats from the air followed by the machine-gunning of

BRITONS VOLUNTEER FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

The Finnish spokesman in London told Reuter yesterday that British subjects were volunteering to fight for Finland and were being registered.

There were a number of air pilots among the volunteers who, he said, might be particularly useful as the Russian menace from the air was becoming increasingly serious.

Not a single Finnish town had escaped Russian bombing.

In the week ended Feb. 3 the enemy had bombed the country systematically, concentrating on the north during the first few days and on the south-west during the second half of the week.

In reply, the Finns bombed Russian units and supply services, this being the most they could manage with the small number of aircraft at present available.—Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE STATES THAT DURING THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 3 THE CONTRABAND COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE CARGOES OF 114 SHIPS WHICH HAD ARRIVED SINCE JAN. 28, AND 22 OUTSTANDING CARGOES FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

In 90 cases the entire cargoes were released.

Ships dealt with during the week included 32 Dutch, 29 Italian and eight United States.

There were 30 neutral ships in the three United Kingdom control bases on Wednesday, 21 of them had been detained five days or less.—Reuter.

the crews at elevations which make it quite clear that there could be no doubt as to their identity are now all too familiar.

The German wireless statement on January 31 that the British naval patrol vessel, "East Dudgeon" had been sunk by German aircraft "is a falsification intended to cover up from the world a deliberate and savage attack on a lightship. Seafaring folks of all nations are well aware that the "East Dudgeon" is a lightship and its identity was unmistakable. She was naturally unarmed.

"We have always shared with other civilised nations (cheers) the view that lightships because of the nature of their service are outside the scope of hostilities. In the case of British lightships, they are not even used to report the presence of enemy craft in their vicinity." — Reuter.

LUBECK FIRE

Paris, To-day.
The Paris radio learns that an important industrial plant at Lubeck has been destroyed by fire. Cause of the blaze is unknown. —Reuter.

CANADA'S COMMDR.-IN-CHIEF

The appointment of Major-General McNaughton to command the Canadian Forces is of significance from many points of view. Not only is he a distinguished soldier with a brilliant war record, but he is a leading figure in the world of Imperial Research.

His nomination reflects the important part which science is destined to play in the present conflict. As head of the National Research Council of Canada, he has been responsible for controlling lines of investigation into innumerable scientific problems connected with such varied topics as the detection of flaws in metals, the assessment of stress, the improvement of meteorological instruments and the development of new and more efficient types of aircraft equipment.

Among his many enterprises has been the invention of a cathode ray direction finder.

The General is also a great believer in the value of scientific co-operation, and only a week or two before the war headed a delegation of Canadian manufacturers to Britain to discuss with the authorities the contribution they might make to Britain's rearmament effort. The proceedings were private but it is already clear that the results will be of far-reaching importance.

Technical detachments accompany the first drafts, a further indication of that welding of science and military technique which General McNaughton's appointment so vividly illustrates.

NAZI AIRMEN BURIED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THREE GERMAN AIRMEN WHOSE BODIES WERE WASHED ASHORE DURING THE WEEK WERE BURIED ON WEDNESDAY NEAR THE SCENE OF SATURDAY'S AIR BATTLE OFF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COAST.

The R.A.F. squadron which overcame the raider provided a guard of honour at the funeral. The coffins were draped with swastika flags, while the commanding officer, officers and other ranks of the R.A.F. squadron sent a wreath.—Reuter.

DYING FATHER SAID "BOX ON"

After spending all day at the bedside of his dying father, a Birkenhead boxer went straight into the ring at Liverpool.

"Box on," were his father's last words, and so Charlie Smith gave a death-bed promise that he would do so, and he went to battle with Tommy Armour, welter-weight champion of Ireland.

But, though he fought gamely, Smith was forced to retire at the end of the fifth round.

"All the time I felt I was fighting under Dad's instructions," he said after the fight. "I thought that I kept on seeing him there urging me on."

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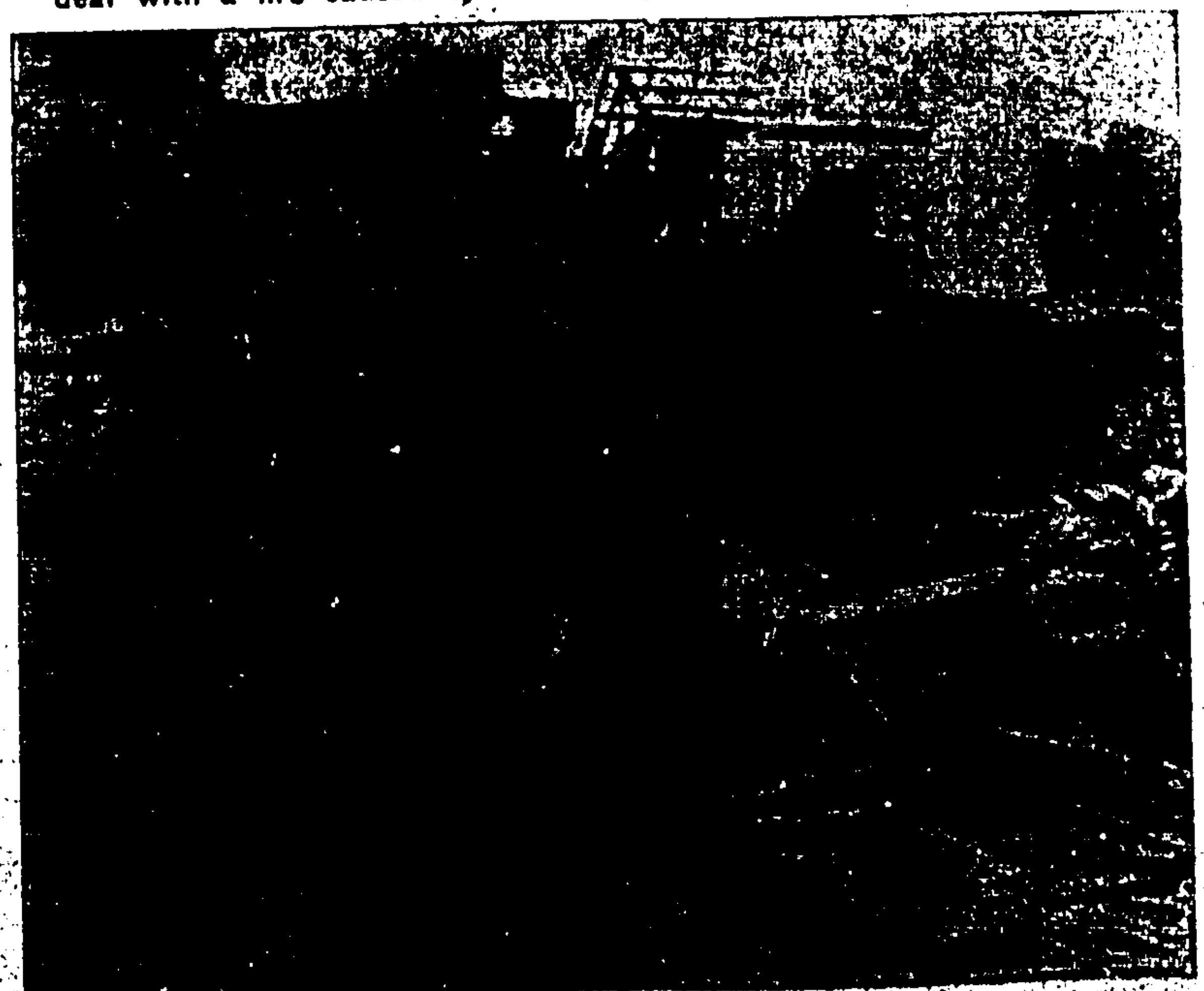
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BRITISH ORDER FOR AIRCRAFT

New York, To-day.
Britain has signed a contract with Canadian Associated Aircraft for warplanes to the value of over \$25,000,000, according to a Dow Jones agency despatch from Ottawa.
This is the largest order of its kind ever given to Canada.—Reuter.

BRITISH LOAN TO U.S. ARMS FIRM

New York, To-day.
The president of the Atlas Power Company has disclosed that the British Government has advanced the company money for building in the United States an explosives factory whose total output would be consigned to the British and French armies, says a message from Wilmington (Delaware).
The president is quoted as saying they expected to start building immediately and to begin production within six months.
Location of the factory and its manufacturing capacity are not revealed.
The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, revealing that the loan had been made to the Atlas Power Co., said it was practically a fixed policy to require the Allies to provide the money for any additional factory facilities needed for the manufacture of war supplies they wished to buy from the United States.—Reuter.

GENERAL WEYGAND IN CAIRO

Cairo, To-day.
General Weygand, French Commander-in-Chief, Syria, accompanied by his British colleague, General Wavell, arrived in Cairo yesterday and inspected English, Egyptian and Indian troops.
He expressed his keenest satisfaction at the efficient turn out, in which he saw a symbol of Allied-Egyptian co-operation.
Among those present were the Egyptian Prime Minister and War Minister; the British Ambassador and French Minister; and Prince Mohamed Ali, cousin of King Farouk.
The Egyptian Press is very enthusiastic about the visit and emphasizes Egypt's whole-hearted support of the Allied cause.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S ROAD EAST COLLISION

Traffic was held up for almost an hour last night near the Naval Dockyard after a collision between a tram-car and a motor-bus shortly after 7.30 p.m.
Both vehicles were damaged, but there were no casualties.

POOL SYSTEM WHILST UNDER CONTROL

London, To-day.
CAPT. EUAN WALLACE, Minister of Transport, announces that an agreement has been reached with the railway companies as to financial arrangements for the period during which they are under Government control.

The general principle was that undertakings should be operated under a unified control on an economic basis, and that appropriate charges should be made for Government traffic.

Main provisions of the agreement were that receipts and expenses of controlled undertakings should be pooled, and out of the pool they would be paid annual sums equivalent in the case of ordinary companies to the average of their net revenues for three years, beginning in 1935, and in the case of the London Passenger Transport Board, to its net revenue for the year ended June 30, 1939.

Payment of these funds, amounting to approximately £40,000,000, would be guaranteed by the Government.

In the event of the pool being in excess of these guaranteed revenues, undertakings would be allowed to retain the first £3,500,000 and beyond that point the Government would take half the revenue until the undertakings had reached the full standard of revenue, after which the Exchequer would take the whole balance of the pool.—Reuter.

CHEAPER CABLES FOR SERVICES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MAJOR G. C. TRYON, THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE WAR OFFICE AND AIR MINISTRY, A SPECIAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM FEB. 9 FOR PRIVATE MESSAGES OF AN URGENT NATURE TO AND FROM OFFICERS AND MEN SERVING IN THE BRITISH ARMY AND AIR FORCE IN FRANCE.

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Extension of the arrangement to Canada is still under discussion.

Messages must be handed in personally by members of the forces in uniform.—Reuter.

JOSS PAPERS CAUSE TWO FIRES

On Wednesday night a junk off Shaikwan caught fire. It was extinguished by a fire launch.

A hut near the Hau Wong Temple in Kowloon City was involved in a fire yesterday. No persons were injured.

Both outbreaks were attributed to the burning of joss paper and sticks.

LIVELINESS ON RUBBER MARKET

London, To-day.
A sharp accentuation in the premium for near rubber over forward deliveries was a feature of the London rubber market yesterday.

Opinions hitherto have been equally divided regarding the freight position and this had resulted in narrow price fluctuations.

During the last two days, however, the majority of rubber operators have expressed the view that freightage will be the main factor in regulating prices and not the question of supply and demand.

This coincided with trade buying and although it is known that there is a scarcity of supplies of physical rubber, there had previously been no market demand to attract attention to this weakness in the technical position.

NOT YET COVERING

While the demand for near positions has grown there has been a noticeable lack of interest in forward months, resulting in an abnormal premium for spot, March and April deliveries.

Rubber quarters think this is due to the majority of operators expecting larger supplies to be forthcoming later in the year, and consequently they are not yet covering extensively against forward hedging sales made against previous heavy godown purchases.—Reuter.

HENSHAW AWARDED BRITANNIA TROPHY

London, To-day.
Alex Henshaw's record Cape and back flight of four days 10½ hours last year has been adjudged by the Royal Aero Club the most meritorious air performance in 1939, and Henshaw has been awarded the Britannia Trophy.—Reuter.

PROTECTION FOR LIGHTSHIPS

London, To-day.
In view of several recent savage and anarchic attacks by German aircraft on lightships round the British coasts and the murder of some of their crews, special measures would be taken to provide protection for this service, declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons.
Where possible light floats would replace lightships in outer positions.—Reuter.

MIXED RECEPTION BY PRESS

London, To-day.
The British Press was chiefly concerned yesterday with Home affairs, notably the Government's agreement with the railway.

For the most part, the British Press considers the agreement a fair one to all.

The scheme, in the opinion of the "Daily Telegraph," is a fair compromise between the claims of the stockholders and the public. The railways have suffered heavily in recent years and now that they have vital national services to perform they deserve a fair deal.

The "Daily Express" and the "Daily Herald," however, both criticise the agreement.

STOCKHOLDERS ONLY?

The "Daily Herald" wants to know why one section—the railway stockholders—should be assisted by the Government to earn increased war profits? If the Government had guaranteed them their pre-war level of profit, this would have been complete fairness.

The "Daily Express" wants to know why the Government should be prepared to help the railways and not private firms? —Reuter.

FAMOUS CRICKETER PASSES

London, To-day.
The death occurred yesterday of Mr. F. G. J. Ford, a famous cricketer of the 90's, who played for England against Australia in 1894/95.
The death is also announced of the Rev. Ernest Hayford Thorold, Chaplain to the King from 1935 to 1939.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

A BALKAN FINLAND?

Long, long ago, when the Rome-Berlin Axis was in the making, an agreement was signed between diplomats from the two capitals. Immediately German commentators pounced on it and held it up as a new front against Communist Russia. But the Italians did not stress that angle; they read it rather as an instrument with which they could assert their ambitions in the Mediterranean area, presumably at British and French expense.

How very long ago all that happened! Not as years are counted, perhaps, but on that even more important calendar which is made up of events. The opening of 1940 is marked by the return of high diplomatic representatives from Rome to Moscow, from Moscow to Rome. It is a reciprocal gesture. Perhaps the two representatives are going home only to report to their governments. But Ivan Gorelchin, Soviet Envoy to Rome, is reported to have packed up all his effects and left without even presenting his credentials. And now the Italian Ambassador to Moscow, Augusto Rosso, is reported heading for Rome.

Thus is sharply delineated the ironic change of positions by Rome and Berlin vis-a-vis Russia. Those who hailed the German-Italian friendship chiefly as a bulwark against Communist Russia are now quiet about that aspect of it. And those who once were quiet about it now have a Russian menace all their own. But it is not so much a Communist as an imperialist Russia that confronts Italy. Apparently what Italy is trying to tell Moscow in terms best understood among diplomats is that, if Russia moves on the Balkans, Italy will do all in Italian power to make that area into a southern Finland. Such an effort on Rome's part would certainly engage the sympathy and probably the aid of the Allies, and it might engage more of Russia's energies than that nation would care to expend in the immediate future.—"Christian Science Monitor."

MAIL OPENING

It has to be remembered that in the United States there is a very substantial proportion of the population which is either German descent or of German sympathy. Men and women, perfectly good citizens of America have relatives still living in the Reich, and other bonds still connecting them with the old world, which have not yet been eradicated by the flux of time. First and foremost they may be excellent citizens of the United States, yet secondarily Germany is still the home of their forebears. It is only to be expected that they will do their utmost to assist their relations and friends to last out the stranglehold which the Allies are perfecting on German economic life. They are actuated by motives which can be fully understood, and with which there must be considerable sympathy.

There are, as well as these, German agents, official as well as unofficial, who are doing their utmost to circumvent the Allied blockade. There can be no possible complaint that they should be doing so as long as they commit no breach of American neutrality. Nevertheless it does not matter how proper their conduct may be from the point of view of American domestic legality; the fact is that they are seeking to circumvent the Allied blockade. It follows that Great Britain and France must take steps to render nugatory the effect of these attempts, and the only manner in which this can be done is by examination of neutral mails for contraband, and its seizure when discovered. It would be the height of folly if this were not

done, for while the contraband smuggled into Germany by such means might not be great compared with what is being stopped by the blockade, military necessity demands that every trickling stream of such goods, exchange or information should be checked, lest in the sum total it represents more assistance to Germany than the Allies could wisely permit. The examination of U.S. mail consigned to Germany in neutral bottoms at ports to which the vessels have been diverted for the purpose of examination of cargoes in connection with the blockade is, on the face of it, no more than the logical completion of the intention with which the diversion was first arranged for.—"N.C.D.N."

ALLIED AIMS

While reviewing the war situation in the House of Representatives at Canberra, Mr. Menzies, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, made some timely observations on the Allied aims. "The rulers of Germany," he said, "never understood the patience and tenacity of the British and the flaming spirit of patriotism of the French which could not be destroyed by German threats or propaganda. We had not lightly entered the war and would not lightly abandon the cause for which we had entered it. The first urgent and paramount aim was victory, not for the humiliation of the German people, not for spoils, but for the future peace and happiness of simple men and women throughout the world. Our people, while hating war, had also a great hatred of the evil spirit that animated German policy and racked the world. We could not compromise on peace, justice, freedom and the sane settlement of disputes. Either we had these or we had not. There must be justice and quiet living for the weak as well as for the strong. It was a great and humane cause. Our second aim was, after victory, a better Europe and a better world, the security for people of independent race and tradition, the revival of the peaceful associations of trade and commerce, the abandonment of the mad competition in armaments and the prosperity in which Germany would share. We wanted freedom and equity for the Germans as well as ourselves. We did not want to make a slave State out of Germany, but to destroy the barbarous German philosophy which made others into slaves." We commend this stirring pronouncement and would ask them to place it side by side with the speeches made on the same subject by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

CONFIDENCE

I don't believe that ten million Germans could break the Maginot Line, nor will they break the British front. As far as I can see all that is left to Hitler is to conduct a piratical guerilla war, and I have no doubt as to the outcome of that. —Col. Denys Reitz, South Africa.

"What is the real purpose of our struggle?" asked Lord Halifax not long ago. "That many people are seeking an answer to this question," he continued, "is evi- dent from the desire expressed in so many quarters that the Allied countries should define with greater decision what are sometimes called 'war aims.'" In general terms Lord Halifax gives the answer. "We are fighting in defence of freedom; we are fighting for peace; we are meeting a challenge to our own security and that of others; we are defending the rights of all nations to live their own lives. We are fighting against the substitution of brute force for law as the arbiter between nations, against the violation of the sanctity of treaties and disregard to the pledged word. We have learned that there can be no opportunity for Europe to cultivate the arts of peace until Germany is brought to realise that recurrent acts of aggression will not be tolerated."—"The Empire Review."

Crack Irish Channel Ship Sunk Nearing Liverpool

TWO HUNDRED PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE: COLLIER RESCUE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ALL THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE PASSENGER AND CARGO STEAMER MUNSTER (4,300 TONS), WHICH WAS SUNK BY ENEMY ACTION ON WEDNESDAY, ARE SAFE.

Most of those on board the Munster were brought ashore by a tramp steamer. It is believed the passengers and crew number approximately 200.

An official of the shipping company states: "No-one from the Munster was lost. One or two may have been injured but everybody is safe. Four or five members of the crew are in hospital."

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

Chungking, To-day.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the well-known British Left Wing politician, was among the passengers of a plane which left here for Hami, in Sinkiang, on the first stage of a journey to Moscow.

Sir Stafford, who arrived in Chungking last month on a private tour of Free China, thus enjoyed the distinction of being the only British national permitted to enter Sinkiang since the start of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The plane in which he travelled was a tri-motor air liner, the "Chengtu," which was making its fourth flight since the inauguration of the Chungking-Moscow air route in December.

When Sir Stafford returns from Sinkiang he will not stop over in Chungking but will transfer at the city airport to another air liner and proceed to Hong Kong. During his visits to Chungking, Yunnanfu and Chengtu, Sir Stafford has addressed a number of public bodies and universities.—Reuter.

RELATIONS SURVIVE BY 3 VOTES

Washington, To-day.

The first of several proposals designed to terminate American diplomatic relations with Moscow was defeated in the House of Representatives by the narrow margin of 108 votes against 105.

By this vote the House rejected an amendment by Mr. John McCormack to strike from the State Department Appropriation Bill the sum of \$17,500 for the salary of the U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The House, by 95 votes to 38, defeated Mr. McCormack's second amendment which would have prevented the State Department from maintaining a diplomatic establishment in Russia.—Reuter.

Twenty people from the ship were rushed to hospital when they landed, suffering from minor injuries and shock; only a few were detained.

A member of the crew stated: "An explosion occurred in the morning. There was a blue flash and then boiling water and pieces of the galley furniture were flung everywhere.

"Another vessel, eight miles away, saw our distress flares and steamed up. She took many on board.

"Although there were many women and children among the passengers everyone behaved perfectly. The ship sank in an hour and a half."

CRACK SHIP

The Munster was the crack ship of the Irish Sea crossings and was the largest cross-Channel motor vessel in the world.

The captain had an arm broken in two places but remained on the bridge to the last.

One of the crew stated he was thrown out of his bunk by the force of the explosion. When he arrived on deck the lifeboats were being lowered and boats were drifting away from the ship.

A motor lifeboat went to the assistance of the other lifeboats and towed then to the collier.

The Munster, which had 180 passengers on board, operated between Liverpool and Northern Ireland. She left Belfast on her last voyage on Tuesday evening.—Reuter.

HOME SHARE ACTIVITY

London, To-day.

Business was only moderate on the Stock Exchange on Wednesday, but several good spots were noticeable.

Japanese stocks were supported while several industrials registered higher levels.

Among oils, Royal Dutch was prominent.

After official hours, home raids, following the announcement of details of the compensation agreement, registered advances.

Great Western Ordinary were quoted at 44, Southern Railway Deferred and Ordinary at 15, and London, Midland and Scottish Ordinary at 17, compared with the previous day's close of 42, 14½ and 15½, respectively. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

PLANES DESTROYED IN ESSEX HANGAR

London, To-day.

Eight aeroplanes and five aeroplane engines were destroyed in a fire which broke out in a large hangar at a civil aerodrome in Essex.—Reuter.

BOMB EXPLOSION AT LAUSANNE

Berne, To-day.

A police official was killed and two other persons seriously injured by a bomb explosion in the Lausanne police laboratory yesterday.

A German national named Zuschnig had been receiving anonymous letters charging him with being a spy, and when he received by the morning's post a suspicious package he took it to the police. When it was opened there was a violent explosion.—Reuter.

BRITISH AID TO FINLAND

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons to consider the possibility of sending bombers and fighters with crews to aid Finland, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that as already stated measures had been taken to assist the Finnish Government with war material from Britain.

He understood that crews were available in Finland who were competent to fly any machine obtained by Finland.

Replying to supplementaries, Mr. Butler declared that the urgency of Finland's need for assistance was realised by the British Government.—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE TO N.Z.

Wellington, To-day.

The King has sent a message of congratulation to New Zealand on the occasion of the Centenary celebrations.

After referring to His Majesty's deep satisfaction in New Zealand's continued progress, the message says: "The generous and valuable contribution the Dominion is making to the war effort of the Empire will mark a glorious page in her history, and the spirit of my peoples in New Zealand and elsewhere is a sure guarantee that the difficulties which unquestionably lie before us will be successfully overcome."

The Governor-General, Viscount Galway, in a message of thanks to the King, said the message was read to large crowds assembled at Waitangi to celebrate the Centenary and was received with the deepest appreciation and pleasure.

PRECIOUS IDEALS

It added: "Coming at a time when the security of the Commonwealth is threatened by aggression, the Centenary celebrations serve to strengthen the people of New Zealand in the resolve to uphold and defend to the utmost the precious ideals of freedom and justice which throughout the centuries have guided and inspired the British peoples."—Reuter.

GERMANY AND FINLAND

Berlin, To-day.

An official statement declares: "Russia has never asked Germany for support of any kind against Finland and Germany has never given any kind of military support to Russia in the Russo-Finnish conflict."—Reuter.

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Mr. Mackenzie King Opens Election Campaign

FIGHTING SPEECH

TRANSFORMATION INTO COUNTRY AT WAR

Ottawa, To-day.

"IT WOULD BE a miracle if the transformation of a peaceful country into a nation at war were not marked by some shortcomings, some unpreparedness, some shortage of supplies," declared the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in his first General Election campaign speech last night.

He continued: "Those, however, are minor matters and shrink into insignificance when placed in their appropriate perspective beside the true magnitude of our war effort."

CANADIAN THIRD CONTINGENT ARRIVES

London, To-day.

The third contingent of Canadian troops arrived at a West Coast port yesterday, being greeted by cheering crowds.

They came across the Atlantic in famous liners, and were escorted by units of the Royal Navy.

The voyage was without incident, and as one Canadian soldier said:—"We saw neither a Nazi submarine nor plane."

Among them were a number of men who completed their training under the Empire training scheme.

There were also a number of Canada's Red Indians, and as one of their officers remarked, their great patience fully qualifies them for their jobs—they are snipers.

Major-General McNaughton, the Canadian Commander-in-Chief, was down to welcome them, accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire.

An American was among the first to land.

He joined the Canadian Army because he "thought it would be fun."

Mixing with Scots and French Canadians were the full-blooded Indians, who were described by an officer as "of infinite patience and excellent snipers."

Some of the Canadians spoke Gaelic.—*Reuter.*

12-HOUR PROGRAMME FOR THE TROOPS

London, To-day.

The Director-General of the BBC, who returned from France on Wednesday night, announces that special programmes will be broadcast for the forces in France 12 hours a day.

At present, there is an experimental 6-hour broadcast, but the full service will go into operation on Monday week.—*Reuter.*

NO CENSORSHIP OF SPEECHES

Ottawa, To-day.

The censorship committee in charge of radio has decided that political speeches broadcast in connexion with the General Election will not in future have to be submitted to the censor.—*Reuter.*

Calling for the maintenance of Canadian unity and continued effective prosecution of the war, Mr. King declared that the Government's record would be fully presented to them in the course of the election campaign, and criticisms thereof would be met fearlessly.

Defending his decision to dissolve Parliament, Mr. King pointed out that the Government had almost reached the end of its legal tenure of office.

He added that a Spring offensive was expected overseas, and if the voting had been delayed till the time when our men were facing all the horrors of concentrated warfare, I would have been told, and rightly so, that I was not fit to be the leader of the Government for allowing matters to drift that way."

MANDATE FOR WAR

He therefore desired a mandate from the people to carry on through the war.

He emphasised that in the opinion of those best able to judge, the war might continue several years, and if Parliament was not dissolved the current session would be endangered by a bitter political controversy which would not end before the anticipated Spring offensive, leading inevitably to eventual dissolution under conditions which would not be understood abroad.

REAL ISSUE

The Premier declared the two real issues of the election were the maintenance of national unity and the whole policy of the Government in the prosecution of war.

The second issue depended on the first and both rose superior to personalities.

Canada must plan for a long war and yet never lose sight of the fact that preparations must be made for the aftermath of war.

"Every thoughtful Canadian has before him a vision of a new and juster world in which humble men and women may be allowed to live in freedom."

The Government must be ready to face unflinchingly the necessities of war and with a sense of national unity to be prepared to face the problems of peace.—*Reuter.*

VISITS TO BADLY WOUNDED

London, To-day.

The British Red Cross has made arrangements for near relatives of dangerously wounded men to visit them in France.—*Reuter.*

LAUSANNE ARRESTS

Berne, To-day.

A man and woman have been arrested in connexion with the explosion in the Lausanne police laboratory.—*Reuter.*

NEW POST FOR MR. VEREKER

London, To-day.

Mr. George Gordon Vereker, British Minister-designate at La Paz (Bolivia) has been appointed Minister to Finland.

The announcement recalls the fact that Mr. Vereker, who is a former Councillor of the British Embassy in Moscow, was captured by the Germans in December and detained for weeks.—*Reuter.*

NAZI CLAIM AND FACTS

London, To-day.

In answer to German claims, *Reuter* is authoritatively informed that Allied and neutral merchant ships sunk by German naval action since the war began total 274 up to midnight on February 4.

Britain had lost 143, Allied 14, and neutrals 117. The Germans officially claim a total of 409.

In tonnage the Germans claim 1,493,431. The real figure is 925,044 tons.—*Reuter.*

KING'S TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAD A ROUSING RECEPTION FROM CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WHEN HE TOURED THE WEST COUNTRY YESTERDAY AND INSPECTED SEVERAL DETACHMENTS, AMONG THEM THE MEN OF THE VARIOUS UNITS WHICH GO TO MAKE UP A MODERN MECHANISED DIVISION.

He chatted with officers and men. In all, he toured for about 100 miles, visiting, among other places, a western aircraft factory, where he watched the construction of a general service plane used chiefly for co-operation work.

This is the Lysander, which is almost crash-proof and is being made in a number of factories in England as well as in Canada.

Later, he watched a Lysander being put through its paces in a test flight.—*Reuter.*

SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION

Ottawa, To-day.

The Second Canadian Division is ready to leave as soon as the First Canadian Division leaves England for France.—*Reuter.*

CHURCHMEN MEET TO DISCUSS WAR AND PEACE

London, To-day.

A MEETING OF BRITISH and Scandinavian church leaders is reported in a letter to "The Times" by the Archbishop of York, who says that he, the Bishop of Chichester and prominent members of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches were invited to a meeting of Scandinavian church leaders to explain the spirit of Christian opinion in Britain towards the war.

The British representatives were not official spokesmen, but some of them expressed their views as follows:—

They cordially recognised as members of the church all Germans who believed in Christ. They tried to make no prayers in which German Christians could not join. Britain and France have no desire to destroy Germany but want a peace based on reconciliation.

PEACE PROSPECTS

Negotiations for peace could only be started on the two following conditions:—

1. The Czechs, Slovaks and Poles must be recognised as independent, and guarantees must be given for this.

2. The final peace must be negotiated at a Congress which must include at least the European nations and at which the Czechs and Slovaks would be full partners.

While hatred of war is shared by all, the British and French Governments were morally bound to enter this war as they did.—*Reuter.*

JEWS PROCLAIM DAY OF EAST IN KAUNAS

Kaunas, To-day.

The Council of Rabbis has proclaimed a Day of Fast for all Lithuanian Jews as a mark of sympathy for Jews suffering under Nazi rule. According to a report reaching Vil-

ACCUSATION DENIED

Kingston (Ontario), To-day.

Mr. Norman Rogers, the Defence Minister, in an election campaign speech here yesterday, denied the allegations of Mr. Mannion, the Opposition leader, that Canadian soldiers had been inadequately equipped.

Speaking of the First Division of the Expeditionary Force, he said no contingent of soldiers had ever left the Canadian shores with better outfit of clothing and personal equipment.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET OFFICIAL INVITED TO LEAVE

Berne, To-day.

The Government of Switzerland has ordered a Soviet League of Nations official to leave Geneva within a fortnight.

He was dismissed when Soviet Russia was expelled from the League and has been trying to stay on as a liaison officer for the International Red Cross.—*Reuter.*

na, nearly 40,000 Jews have died of hunger, cold and hardships in German-occupied Poland.—*Reuter.*

News Snack Bar

MOVABLE BARRAGE TO CHECK NAZI AERIAL MINELAYING

FIVE MONTHS' EXPERIENCE of war has convinced the military authorities that the balloon barrage has a more important role in the defence of Britain than was foreseen.

It is a weapon which has the quality of mobility as well as that of effectiveness.

This was well demonstrated when enemy planes first attempted to destroy the Firth of Forth Bridge. No barrage guarded this important transport link.

Orders were given for one to be installed in 24 hours and the job was done on time, with the aid of special trains and hard-working crews, by removing the barrage that existed at Glasgow.

The psychological effect on enemy pilots who know they may run into a barrage of whose existence they are aware is a useful deterrent. The effect is far greater if they can never be certain that their objective is not guarded by balloons.

The latest use of the barrage is as a means of combating the sowing of mines by aircraft in British estuaries.

OVER 30,000 MEN

When war broke out the barrage system was only a year old. Yet, when the order was given, every balloon was on its way to its pre-determined site within 24 hours.

Over 30,000 men are now engaged on balloon barrage work.

The British authorities have been able to learn new points from the Germans.

Several German balloons which have broken away from their moorings have finished their runaway courses in Britain. They have been studied by British experts, and any valuable features have been noted for the benefit of our own balloon manufacturers.

It is understood, however, that in this sphere the Germans have no grounds for claiming superiority over ourselves.

DOWN IN SHETLANDS

The latest German balloon to reach Britain came over in the track of Nazi airmen and was secured in the Shetlands.

It was first seen at Hoswick, in the south mainland of Shetland, sailing up to the land from the sea trailing its cable.

It carried on for over another 20 miles, and after interrupting telephonic communication at Walls, on the west mainland, it burst on a barbed wire fence between Walls and Sandness.

It contained instructions in German for its return, if found, to Heidelberg. The casing weighed nearly two cwt.

It must be stressed that the balloon barrage is not, and never can act as "an umbrella." People who move into towns from the country to get balloon protection against air raids are anticipating a degree of security which cannot be afforded in this way.



Groucho Marx and Margaret Dumont in the latest Marx Brothers' hit, "Marx Brothers at the Circus," showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Luminous Badges

For Dumb

To assist them in black-outs and air raids, deaf and dumb people in Swansea have been supplied with luminous badges which indicate their affliction.

The scheme is being adopted in other areas.

Bachelor Maternity

Chief

Alderman Eric Anderton, only bachelor member of Wood Green, London, N., Borough Council, has been appointed chairman of its Maternity Committee.

Alderman Anderton is a dentist.

Hit A Nazi-2

Hanged

Two men have been hanged in a concentration camp for knocking down a Nazi Storm-Trooper doing guard duty there, it was announced in Berlin yesterday.

The executed men were Franz Broenner and Anton Kropf.

Rumania Nails

Nazi Lie

A German wireless story that two Britons have been arrested in Rumania in connection with recent fires in the oilfields was denied last night by the Rumanian authorities.



Betty Davis, Brian Aherne and Donald Crisp in "Juarez" at the King's Theatre.

MEDAL FOR DRIVER WHO RESCUED PILOT

As a train was speeding along somewhere in France, the driver saw a French plane shot down by a German fighter.

He stopped the train, dashed out under a hail of fire from the machine-gun of the German plane, and dragged the wounded pilot to safety from the blazing machine.

For this the driver, M. Durckel, has been awarded the French military medal and war cross.

U.S. Girl Sends Our Princess A Dollar

"Elizabeth" (of Pennsylvania, U.S.) has sent a dollar (4s. 2d.) to Princess Elizabeth for the Christmas Treat Fund for the poor children from London's evacuated families.

The little American girl wrote to Princess Elizabeth "c/o King George VI, London, England." She said:

"I wish you could get your father and mother to let you come over to this country, where it is safe. We have a big house, and you could stay with us.

"The one dollar enclosed is money that I have saved, and I am sending it to you so that you can give it to somebody there and use it in helping some of the poorer children.

"And I hope you win the war!"

Woored With Kicks

Three years of unwelcome wooing, which began with a kiss, went on with slaps and kicks and ended with a dynamite bomb, were described to a New York Court by a pretty twenty-six-year-old teacher, Mary Miller.

A school supervisor is charged with setting a dynamite bomb to kill Mary because she refused to wed him.

She said: "He would blacken my eyes and kick me and then beg me to marry him. His idea of showing affection was to drag me around by my hair."

Army Secrets

In Stolen Car

Wiltshire police are searching for a car containing important military documents which was stolen from an hotel car park at Devizes.

It is thought possible that the thief does not realise the value of the documents in the car, which may have been taken for a "joy-ride."

A description of the car has been circulated to police stations in the district.

"SOVIET" FAT IS NAZI

In an endeavour to lead the German people to believe Russia has started the long awaited deliveries of foodstuffs, two margarine factories in Czechoslovakia, under German control, have received from the German authorities labels printed in the Russian language, with instructions to stick them on the packets of margarine.

Cossacks

Offer Aid

In picturesque Eynsford (Kent), the famous troupe of Cossacks are waiting for a chance to serve Britain.

When war was declared the Cossacks had just completed a tour of the country.

One member of the troupe, a former colonel of the Imperial Russian Army, told the press that the Cossacks had called at the Foreign Office and offered their services to the Government.

Cold Comfort

From "Parliamentary Debates": Captain Plugge asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster whether ice-cream is regarded as a luxury or necessity, and what is his policy in respect of furnishing to the trade necessary ingredients.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food: I regard ice-cream as a non-essential foodstuff. In the allocation of materials the ice-cream trade will be treated no less favourably than other trades in non-essential foodstuffs.

"Foolish To Say

Hitler Won't Try"

"He would be a very foolish man who would say that Hitler will not have a go at us when he thinks we are the most useful objective, or when at last he finds there is nothing else to do," said Sir Ernest Gowers, A.R.P. Regional Commissioner for London, when opening an off-duty club for A.R.P. personnel at Fulham.

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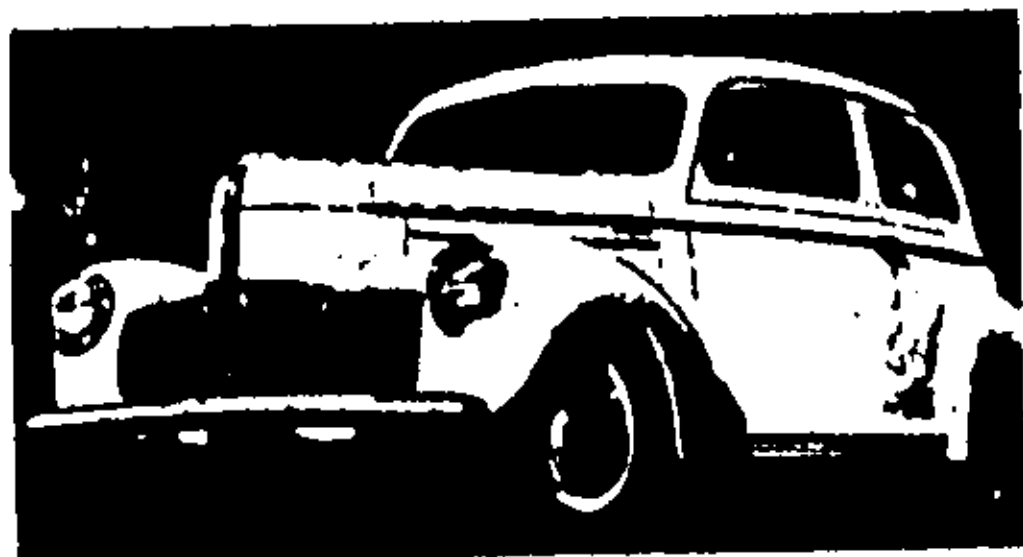
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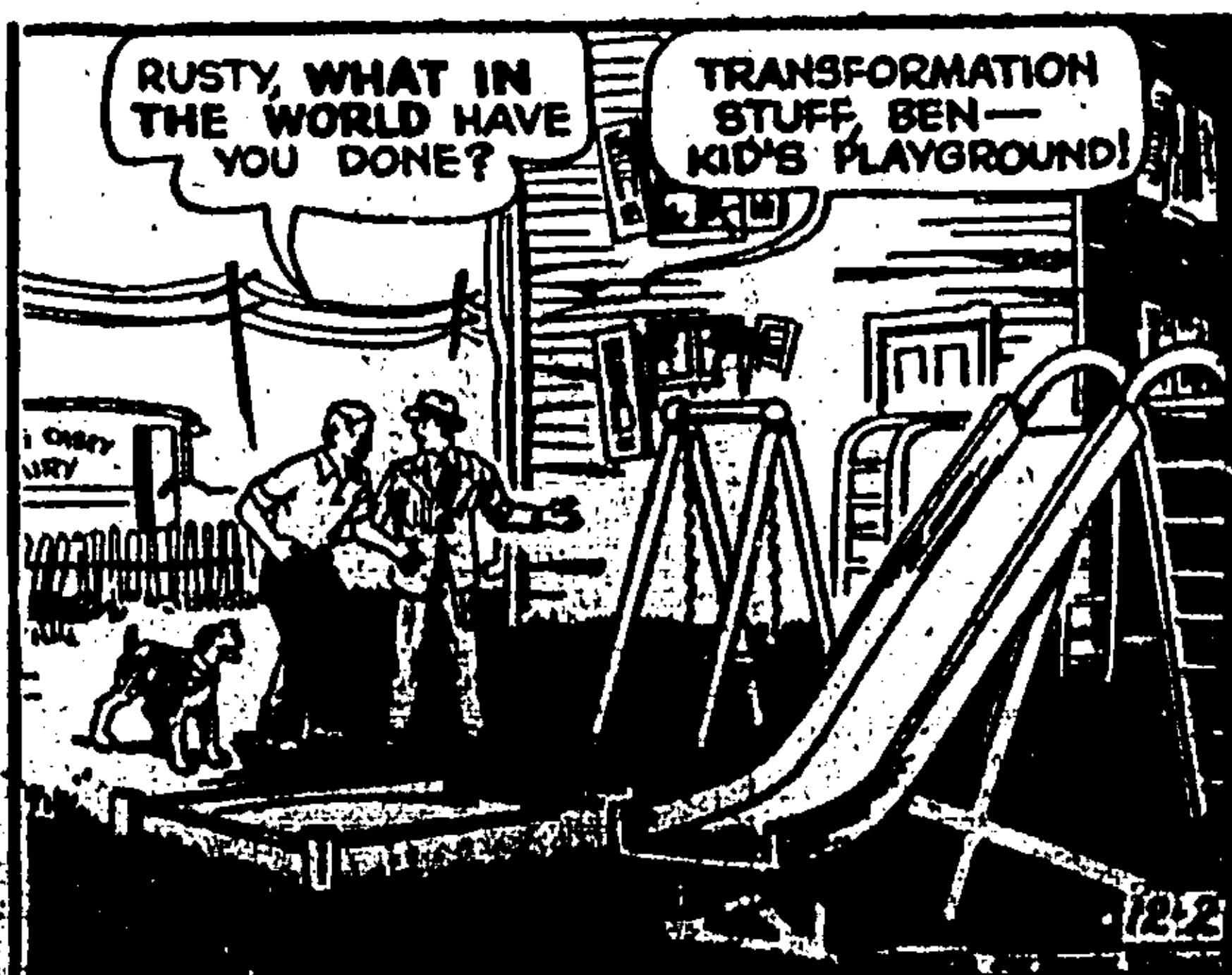
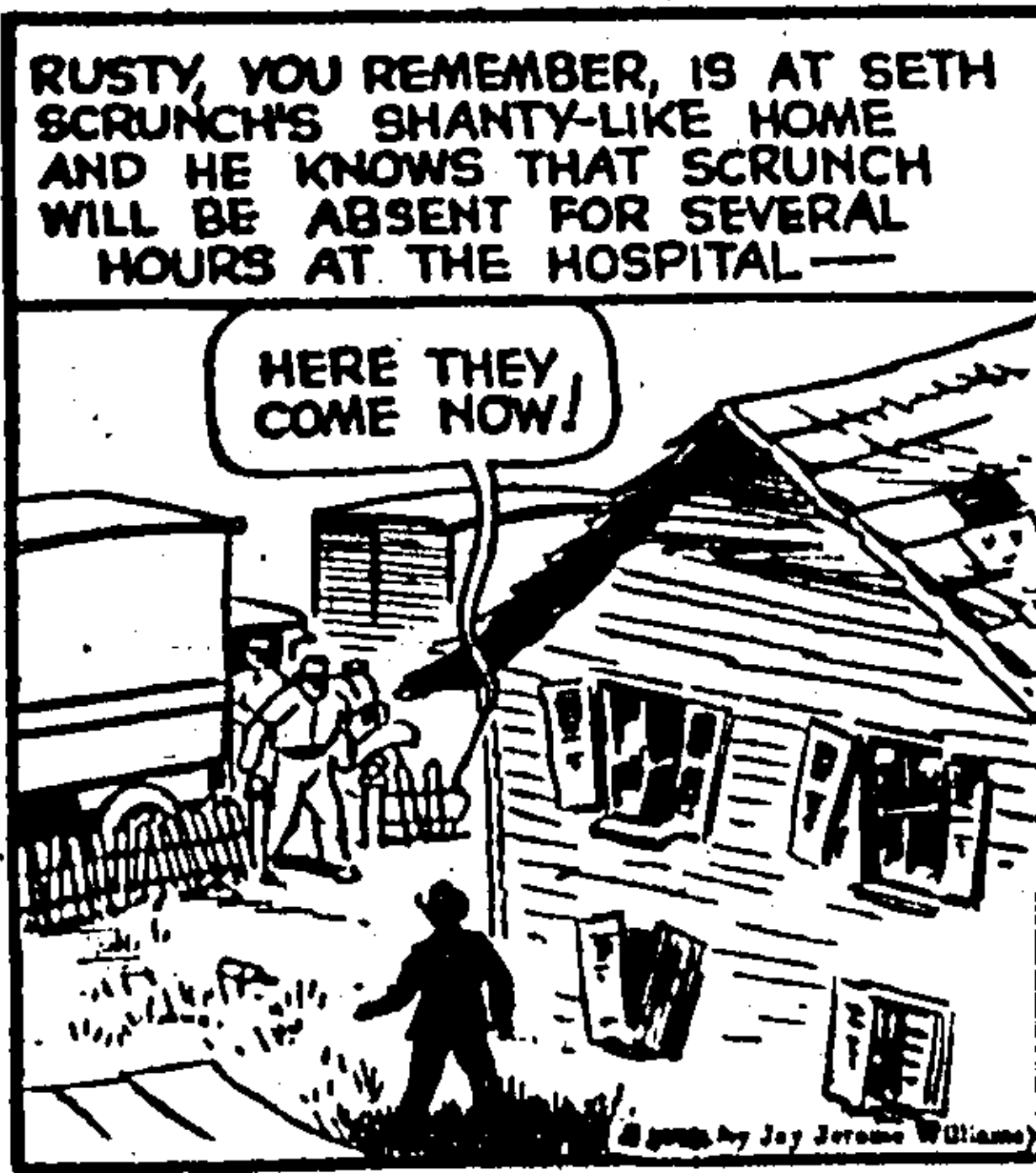
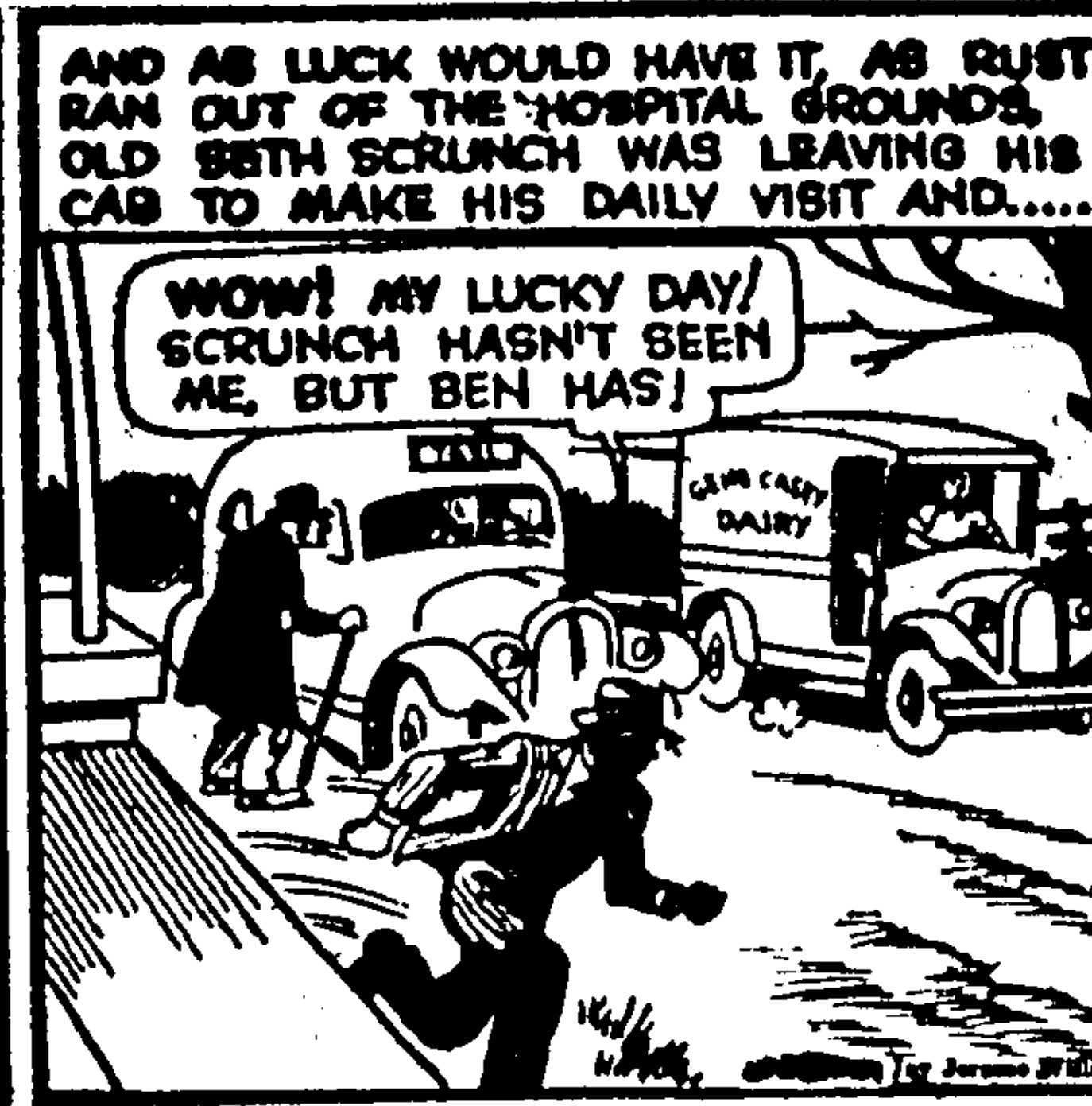
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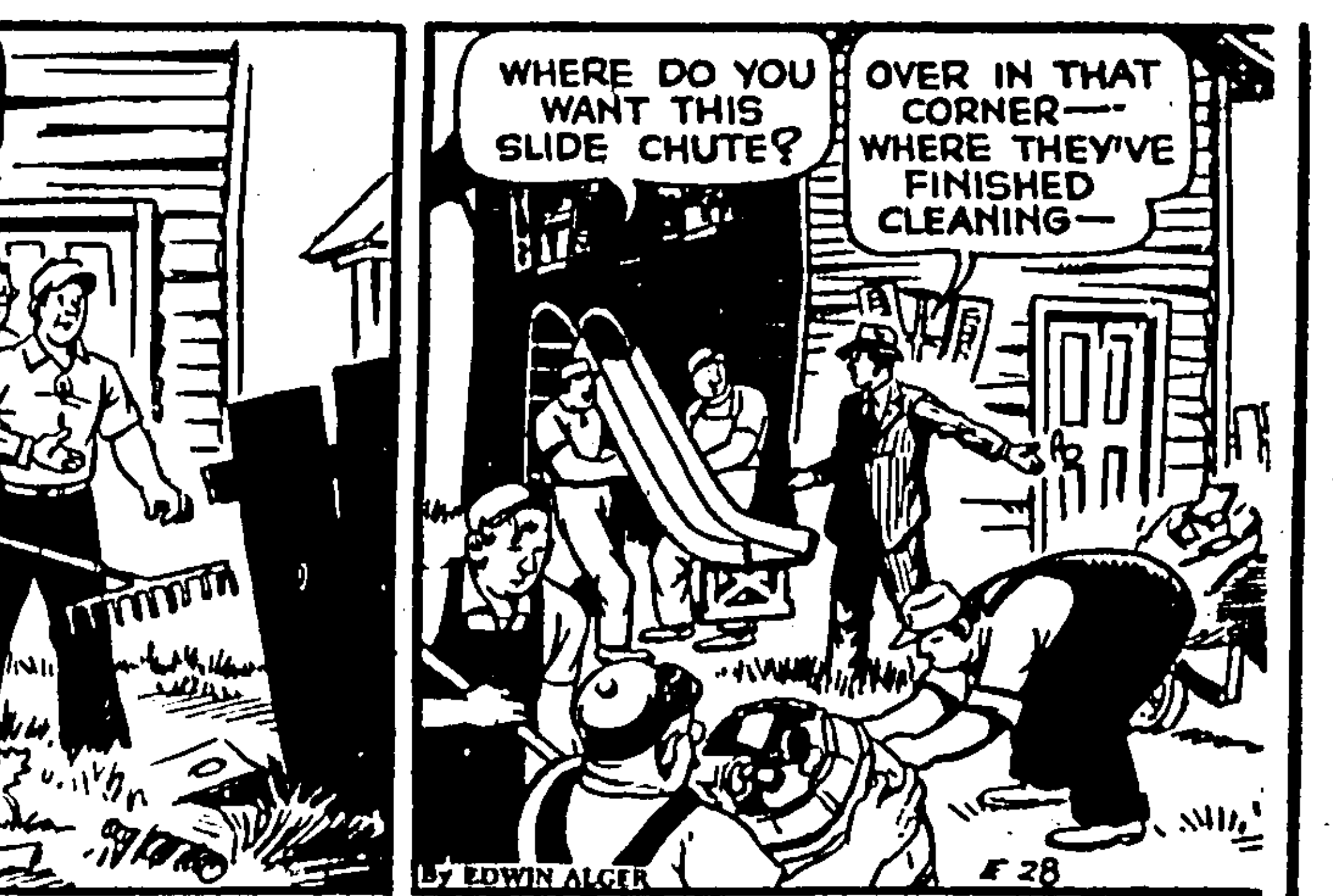
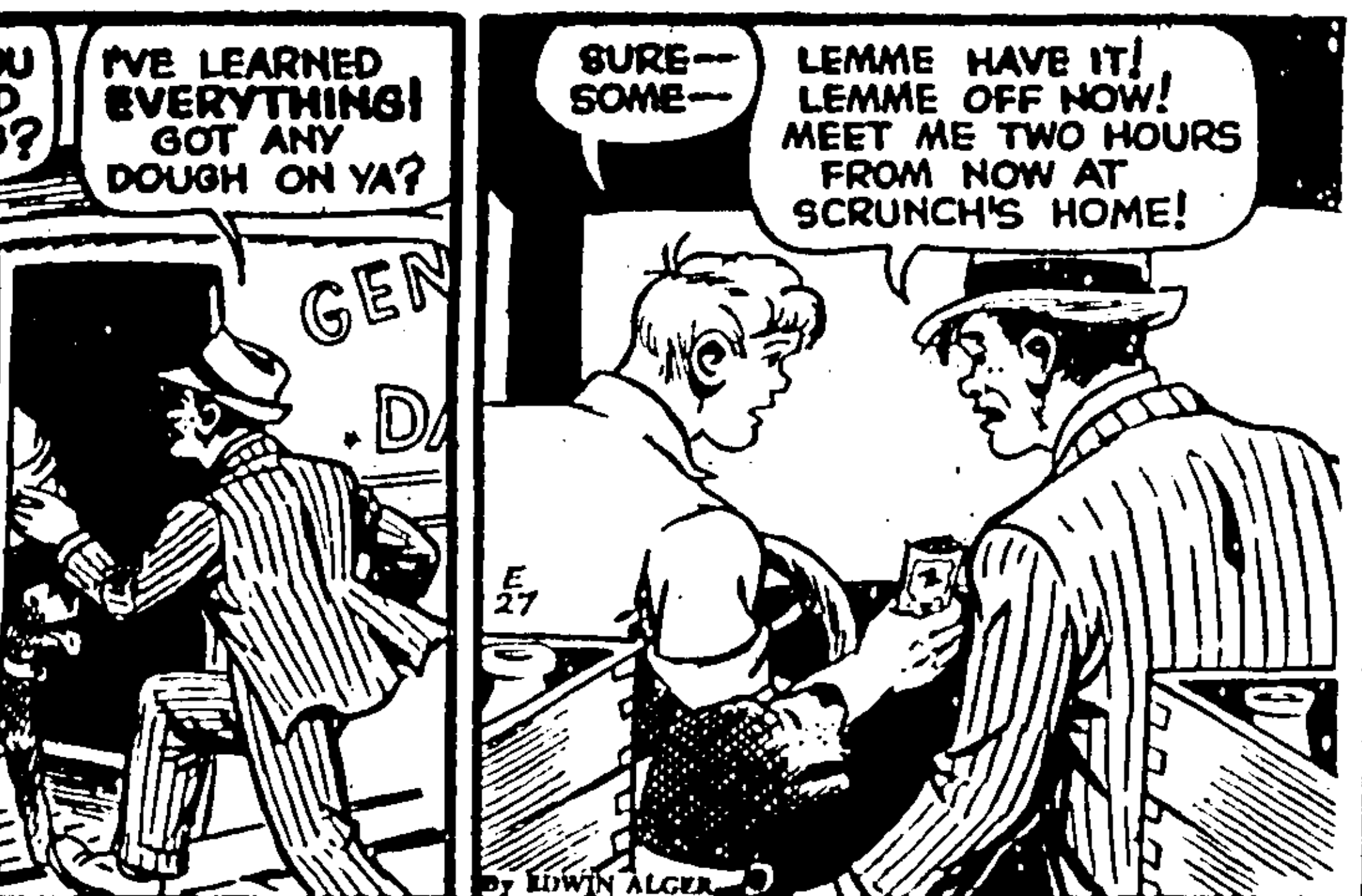
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SHORT STORY

SO VERY ORIGINAL

By E.M. Almedingen

"Do you mean to tell me that she won't take the house unless we produce the ghost for her?" asked Mrs. Pennant, and Dr. Pennant nodded.

"She absolutely insists on it. She's American enough to be thrilled by the idea of becoming an owner of a Tudor house. She told me that she loved it at first sight. I am sure she won't jib at the price—but she must have her ghost."

Mrs. Pennant nearly upset her coffee cup.

"Surely, Edward, you might have told her."

"I have told her everything," Dr. Pennant was patient. "I said the place has been haunted for generations."

"Isn't that enough for her?"

"Well, no. Apparently she went down to Fanchester the other day, and people told her that nobody had ever seen any ghost. She is so very matter-of-fact that she wants to have the real thing—not just a rumour. I don't suppose she'll buy the house unless—"

"Don't run on so fast, Edward," Mrs. Pennant said peevishly. "This wants thinking out. We must get rid of the house. It's been a white elephant ever since that cousin of yours left it to you. We could never afford to keep it—still, less live in it. Therefore Miss Wilkins must buy it."

"I've just told you."

"I wish you'd let me think quietly for a moment," snapped Mrs. Pennant.

Dr. Pennant sighed and picked up the morning paper. The situation was certainly exasperating, but he could not see that any thinking would help it. Fanchester Court had been on the market for years, and vague rumours about its ghost had sent away what very few prospective purchasers had come along. Now that he had got hold of an American, rich enough to afford any whim in the world, the deal threatened to end in a fiasco just because the ghost had never been obliging enough to put in a single appearance. Dr. Pennant sighed again, looked up and noticed a dangerously bright flash in his wife's grey eyes.

"Have you got an idea?" he spoke none too hopefully.

Mrs. Pennant clapped her plump hands.

"Of course, I have, and we were idiots not to have thought of it before. It's utterly simple. Miss Wilkins wants to meet the ghost. Let her have her wish. Edward, you'll be the ghost."

"Me?" His thin face flushed, the doctor leant forward in his chair. "Alice, what nonsense!"

"Yes, you! You're tall enough for a knight or something like that. You're clean shaven, and anybody can get a perfect disguise with a false beard. Your face is gaunt enough, and thank goodness your eyes are black. Black eyes can always be made to look piercing. You'll make a perfect ghost! And you used to be quite good at amateur theatricals, and I feel sure you could act any part."

"That's rather like cheating."

Mrs. Pennant lost her temper.

"Cheating? What an idea! The whole world knows Fanchester is haunted. Nobody's lived there for years because of it. And you call it cheating."

"Well, isn't it?"

But Mrs. Pennant had had enough of the argument. She stood up and towered over her husband, a big, broad-shouldered woman, her fair hair ruffled and the light of battle in her grey eyes.

"I've got a plan. Listen, you are to go and see Miss Wilkins this very afternoon. You are to invite her down to Fanchester for a week or so. Don't you remember her saying she would rather like to have what she called 'a psychic test' of the house?"

And we more or less shied off it—since we knew the test would be an utter wash-out. Well, then, you put it to her that we'd be awfully glad to have her down there."

"All right" Dr. Pennant said without any enthusiasm.

"I wish you'd listen! As soon as she's gone, I'll telephone to say we're coming for a week-end to stay

at the Fanchester Arms. That'll be quite natural. I'll say we'd like to help her get to know the place or something. Meanwhile I'll get your disguise ready. You know the grounds inside out. You remember that lane at the back of the inn. It'll bring you to the little gate at the bottom of the kitchen garden. You'll skirt it and take the path leading to the stable-yard."

Dr. Pennant sighed.

"And just suppose someone saw me?"

"You'd scare anyone to death," Mrs. Pennant replied complacently, "and they'd scoot away like rabbits. You get into the house by the back door and make straight for Miss Wilkins' room."

"And how am I to know where she'll be?" Dr. Pennant asked beligerently. "You seem to have forgotten there are about a dozen spare rooms in the house?"

"Don't invent difficulties. We'll get Mrs. James to put some flowers into the room and all the rest of it. It'll be quite easy to find out which room."

"Well?" his voice had defeat in it.

"Once you're in the room?" Mrs. Pennant gestured vaguely, "you'll do whatever any ghost is supposed to do. Groan, wave your arms, moan—just anything. But don't be too long over it."

"Yes, and supposing she grabbed hold of me or something."

"You mustn't give her a chance," Mrs. Pennant was firm. "Keep as near the door as possible."

"And if any of the servants—"

Mrs. Pennant stamped her foot. "Don't be such a fool, Edward. She might bring her maid down, and there's James the caretaker, and his wife. But they don't sleep anywhere near, and those kind of people would run for their lives once they saw you."

Dr. Pennant filled his pipe slowly.

"It's quite a good plan, Alice," he admitted reluctantly, "but, all the same, it is cheating."

Mrs. Pennant stared at him across the table, her hands folded together.

"Don't ever let me hear you use that word again, Edward. It's all perfectly straightforward. We're poor, and we can't get rid of that wretched house just because it's supposed to be haunted. We'll merely give good colour to the rumours. Miss Wilkins will be thrilled by it, and we'll get the money. That's all. But anyone would imagine you didn't want Robin to get a decent education."

Dr. Pennant bit his lip.

"That isn't quite fair, my dear. All right, I'll go through with it. I might, of course, bungle it hopelessly."

"You're not likely to, because I shall be there," retorted Mrs. Pennant grimly.

The preliminaries of the plan worked themselves out as smoothly as Mrs. Pennant would have wished. Miss Wilkins, fifty, fat and fatuous, readily fell in with the suggestion that she should spend a week at Fanchester Court.

"I've just about fallen for your little pile," she spoke in her honeyed voice over the telephone. "But I guess I couldn't clinch the deal unless you'd a nice little ghost stalking about. I'm dead nuts on such things. You see, my dear grandmother, way back in Vermont—"

"Yes, yes," hurried Dr. Pennant. "Now, Miss Wilkins, there's the ten thirty from Waterloo—unless you prefer to motor down."

"I guess I'll go by train."

The next Saturday Miss Wilkins, huge in her mink coat, an absurd little green hat pushed to the back of her head followed by a demure French maid and a vanload of expensive looking luggage, left Waterloo for Fanchester, and Dr. Pennant went to see her off and came home embarrassed and gloomy. The plan, worked out by his wife, terrified him. Furthermore, Miss Wilkins and Fanchester Court did not fit in together.

"I can't bear the idea of having that woman there," he grumbled, for once taking notice of Mrs. Pennant's frowning face. "It's simply preposterous. She'd never get the feel of

the place. My cousin William would have shuddered at the very idea."

"Your cousin William hadn't enough sense to marry one of them," said Mrs. Pennant. "Anyway, it's no use talking like that when the thing is as good as done. I say, what have you got on your wrist?"

Dr. Pennant blushed.

"That's just it. She insisted on my accepting it as a small token of friendship—as she called it. I couldn't very well refuse, but it's rather ghastly."

"Why should it be? I think it it very nice of her to be so extraordinarily friendly. Besides, your gold watch has been out of order for a week. This is rather a gorgeous affair. Platinum, isn't it? And it's got a tiny calendar at the bottom of the dial! Oh, Edward, you might have been a little more gracious about it."

"I did thank her."

"I should think so. . . . It's absolutely lovely. Is it luminous?"

"Luminous? She said it's called the blazer in her country. The newest invention or something like that."

"You needn't look so miserable about it! I believe Miss Wilkins is a very nice person to deal with. Keep your present and be grateful. Now, Edward, there's something rather important. I am afraid you could never be menacing enough for a knight, so I've decided you're to appear as a monk—"

"A what?"

"A monk! You needn't look stunned and pretend that I said 'monkey.' You'll go as a Dominican. That means a white habit—even more startling than dark clothes, don't you think so? Terribly impressive. . . . I remember once seeing one of them on a Spanish film, and it was too thrilling for words. I can't quite remember if that particular Dominican wore a beard, but you'd better put one on. She wouldn't know, in any case. Leave it all to me, I'll see to your clothes."

All right, my dear," Dr. Pennant said wearily.

The moon was just about to rise as he left the inn by the tiny back gate and groped his way towards the stable-yard of Fanchester. He felt depressed and more than a little ashamed of himself. Also he was uncomfortable. The loose white habit kept flapping about his thighs and ankles, catching at almost every branch along the thick hedge. The coarse beard tickled his chin. The hood kept slipping back until he decided he'd better stop worrying about it until he got inside the house. "Be sure and have your head well covered," had insisted Mrs. Pennant, "I am afraid your beard is not quite natural."

His wife had meant to be ruthlessly thorough, and she had insisted on his taking off his socks and shoes. Now the coarse, badly fitting sandals were hurting his toes. His arms felt goose-fleshy in the loose falling sleeves of the habit. Every time he raised his hand, the cold evening wind tore up his arm and made him shiver.

"I wish I could pin the sleeves up or something," he thought. "But, I'd better not! Alice said that was the way they wore them. Idiotic! They must be insane wearing clothes like that! Anyone would catch a pneumonia in them!"

Anxiety was mingled with the feeling of discomfort. Alice had assured him that anyone, on catching sight of him, would run for their lives, but Dr. Pennant wondered if Peters would. Peters was the Fanchester policeman, a sound and thorough fellow, the very last person to be scared by a ghost.

"Alice was so certain Peters would not come this way to-night," worried Dr. Pennant. "She said she'd made inquiries, but I remember Peters once telling me he never lets anyone know about his plans. Once I meet him, everything will be up. He'd probably take me for a burglar."

Stealthily he crossed the stable-yard. Near by the gate leading into the kitchen-garden he halted, beads of sweat breaking on his temples. He thought he heard steps behind him. "Peters," the idea ran across his mind, "or else James, looking for

poachers. . . . We'd forgotten James entirely—and James would carry a gun."

He plastered himself against the stable wall, praying that the moon would not rise a moment too soon. He listened hard. Everything was deadly still.

"I must have imagined those steps," he muttered and groped for the latch on the gate.

He was in the kitchen-garden, walking along a tall hedge. He kept close to it, and suddenly he caught one of the sleeves in a briar branch. He heard the swish of torn cloth and swore under his breath. The left sleeve had a gash almost up to the elbow.

"Well, it doesn't much matter. It'll look more natural than anything else."

Now he was in the house, standing still in the dark well of the hall, and listening. For a second he wished he might go back, his mission undone.

"I'd do it like a shot if I were a bachelor," he confessed to himself. "But Alice would never forgive me," and alert for the least sound, he made for the great staircase. His rubber-soled sandals made no noise, but occasionally an old board of or two would give forth a dismal creak, and then he halted, sweat beading his face.

In the great corridor he saw a slender ribbon of light through the clearance under a door to his left. He pushed his torch into the voluminous pocket of his habit, took a deep breath and fumbled for the door handle.

Stealthily he opened it. The big room was almost wholly stolen into shadows. By the side of an enormous silk-hung four-poster a solitary lamp was burning, and Miss Wilkins, a cream lace cap on her head, sat, propped up by innumerable pillows, a book in her hands.

"I'll have to get a bit nearer the bed. The room's so big," decided Dr. Pennant, and suddenly his earlier anxiety vanished like smoke. The sense of adventure welled up in his heart, and boldly he took a couple of strides towards the middle of the room. His sandalled feet made no noise on the thick carpet. He had opened the door so quietly that Miss Wilkins, unperturbed, was still absorbed in her book. And Dr. Pennant decided to do the thing properly. He took another couple of strides, reached the centre of the room and, standing in the pool of light thrown by the lamp, he raised his arms to the ceiling and gave forth a deadly moan.

Miss Wilkins's lace cap all but fell off her carefully combed curls. The book dropped to the very tip of her hooked nose. She stared hard at Dr. Pennant, then gave one piercing shriek.

"Suppose she faints," he thought, blood hammering in his temples. "I couldn't possibly run away if she did."

But Miss Wilkins had no intention of fainting. Her face eager and almost rapt, she continued staring at the apparition. This was more than enough for Dr. Pennant. He waved his arms wildly, uttered another piercing moan and vanished from the room.

He never remembered picking his way back to the inn. At the back door his wife was waiting for him.

"What's the matter?" she whispered. "You look as though you'd seen a ghost yourself."

"She-she-stared at me so—" Dr. Pennant's teeth chattered. "She gave a terrible yell. I hope I didn't give her too much of a scare."

"I should hardly think you could do that. Well, that's finished. Let's go to bed. Nobody'll see us. Aren't you glad you fell in with my plan? The Bryant people say she may be queer but absolutely honourable. She's seen the ghost and she'll buy Fanchester—she's promised that."

"I hope it will be all right?" "It is, all right, Edward. Didn't I tell you that you just couldn't bungle this business so long as I was there. We'll go and have tea with her tomorrow, and it'll be rather funny her

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Birmingham Executions Arouse High Feelings

NIGHT PATROLS INCREASED

London, To-day.

Night patrols of police and detectives were reinforced on Wednesday night as an extra precaution against further Irish Republican outrages.

Special attention was paid to all buildings of national importance, large business premises, factories, post offices and pillar boxes.

The strict supervision which Scotland Yard's Special Branch has exercised over the entry at English ports of suspected persons from Eire, inclines these officers to the view that while no acts of terrorism on a large scale are contemplated there are a few people living in England who are prepared to continue the I.R.A. campaign when opportunity offers.

These few never remain long in one place and make it difficult for the police to check their movements.—Reuter.

CURIOUS STEP BY PUPPET LEADER

Shanghai, To-day.

Ten employees in the Nanking Reformed Government were instantly dismissed when it was discovered that they contemplated joining Wang Ching-wei's Central Government, according to Chinese reports circulated here.

The reports add that Liang Chung-chi, Chairman of the Reformed Government, in a general warning threatened similar action should any employees of his "Government" be found planning to join Wang's organisation.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. EX-AMBASSADOR CRITICALLY ILL

Roundhill (Va), To-day.

Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Germany, is critically ill with pneumonia at his home here.—Reuter.

RAILWAY BOMBED AGAIN

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.

The Yunnanfu-Hanoi line was heavily bombed on Wednesday. Over 20 Japanese planes took part it is reported.—Our Own Correspondent.

Witty Kitty



No matter what's the form it's the figure you cut that counts in fancy skating.

MEETING OF PROTEST HELD IN CORK

London, To-day.

AT A MEETING AT CORK, EIRE, yesterday, thousands prayed for the repose of the souls of Barnes and Richards, the two Irish Republicans hanged for the Coventry bomb outrages.

A resolution was passed expressing the conviction of their complete innocence, condemning the executions and calling on members of the Irish race everywhere to join in protesting.

SO VERY ORIGINAL

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telling us all about it."

But Dr. Pennant knew he would not enjoy tea with Miss Wilkins. He wisely said nothing about it.

They had hardly begun their breakfast in their private sitting-room at the inn when Miss Wilkins stalked in, unannounced and unsmiling. Her hands were clenched, and her face vivid in colour with the scarlet scarf tied round her throat. She crossed the room and shot straight at Dr. Pennant:

"Gee— you! I guess you figured I was an easy one to give such child's dope to—"

Dr. Pennant stared at her, as he rose from his chair.

"Miss Wilkins," he stammered, but his wife interrupted him:

"Keep quiet, Edward. I beg your pardon, Miss Wilkins?"

"Pardon nix." Miss Wilkins's broad shoulders hunched up and she stared at the doctor as though Mrs. Pennant were not in the room at all. "Now then, quiet a good lil' piece of stage acting, but not good enough for Theodora Wilkins."

"I assure you," Dr. Pennant began feebly, when his wife's voice checked him again:

"Really, Miss Wilkins, it's very kind of you to come and see us so early in the morning, but I am afraid I can't quite understand what it is that you imagine."

"Imagine fiddlesticks," snapped Miss Wilkins, "I guess I am not too wise about those mediæval guys, but I reckon they just couldn't hop about the place with the cutest watches from lil' old New York blazing on their wrists!"

TOO PROUD— WAS KILLED

Too proud to accept help from a girl who took hold of his arm and offered to guide him across the road in the black-out, an elderly man standing on a footpath in a Manchester street pushed her away.

A few moments later the girl saw a bus a few yards from him. She shouted a warning, but it was too late. The man was struck and fatally injured.

The girl was congratulated at the inquest on George Gladwin, sixty-two, of Edensor-street, Beswick. A verdict of Accidental death was recorded.

The city coroner, Mr. Jessel Rycroft, said the man was very foolish to refuse the assistance of the girl, who had shown herself to be very sensible.

ILLUMINATING

A woman was seen in Southampton-row, London, walking behind a dog. Attached to the dog's collar was a small but efficient flashlight, shining on the ground, thus illuminating very effectively both dog and owner's path.

Another resolution extolled Barnes and Richards as soldiers of Ireland who died for Ireland as gallant patriots.

Tom Barry, the former Republican leader, made a speech in which he declared he had conclusive proof of the innocence of both the executed men.

He said the bomb which caused the Coventry tragedy was intended to be exploded two miles away against an electric plant, but went off accidentally. Barnes and Richards were not even in a Coventry street that morning.

Barry appealed to the people of Cork and Ireland to restrain themselves "regarding Britishers."—Reuter.

RELIC LOST 20 YEARS, FOUND

Serving with the Royal Engineers in Belgium during the last war, Mr. T. G. Foster, now a saddler at Rolvenden, Kent, made a match-box holder from a piece of German shell case.

On one side he engraved his regimental number and initials and "Belgium, 1916." On the other he put

NO FURTHER REVELATION

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Defence Minister has declined to comply with the request of a deputy for further information regarding the resignation of General Reynders, the Chief of Staff.

The Minister declared that the difference of opinion between the Government and General Reynders had no reference to any of the subjects hitherto mentioned in the press.

Reason for the resignation was of a military nature and no further information or even hints could be given without damaging the interests of the State.—Reuter.

H.K.C.M.A. OFFICERS ELECTED

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association the following officers were elected for the current year. President Dr. Edward W. J. Sun, Vice-President: Dr. T. P. Wu, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. H. C. Chan, Council Members: Dr. Chau Wai Cheung (ex-President), Dr. Li Shu Pul, Dr. Phoon Seck Wah, Dr. Lee Hah Liong, Dr. C. W. Lam, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Dr. Tseung Fat Im and Dr. D. K. Samy.

DEATH FOR PROFITEERING

Friedrich Rein has been sentenced to death by a special court in Koenigsberg for profiteering from the soldiers.

He was accused of altering a cheap brand of cigarette to make them appear like an expensive variety.

the word "Saddler."

He lost it during demobilisation at Dover twenty years ago. Now he has recovered it.

The holder was found, battered and crushed, in a load of shingle from Lydd consigned to Colonel A. S. Barham, who also lives at Rolvenden. The Colonel took it to Mr. Foster.



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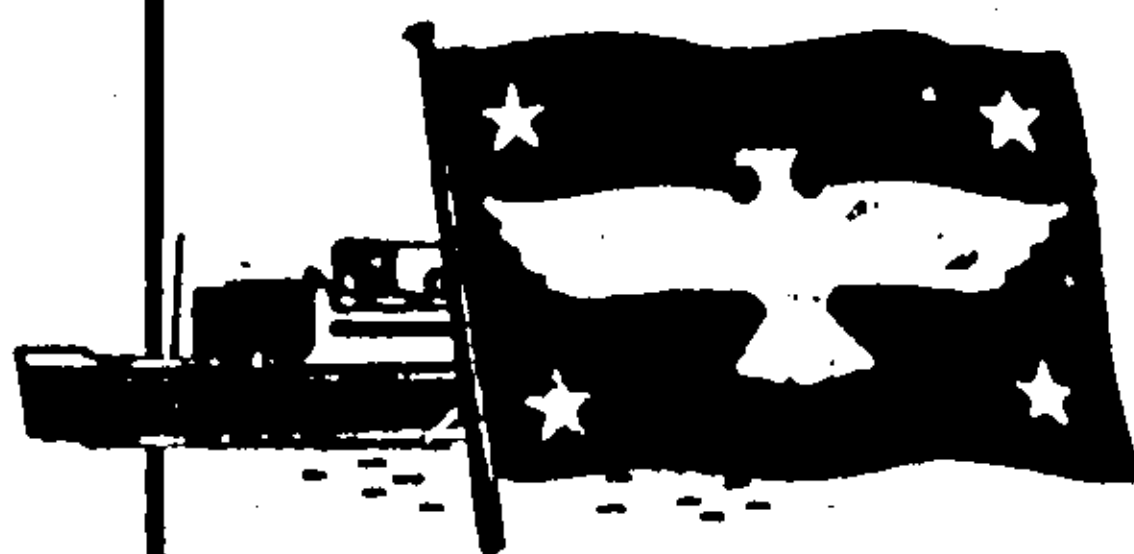
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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

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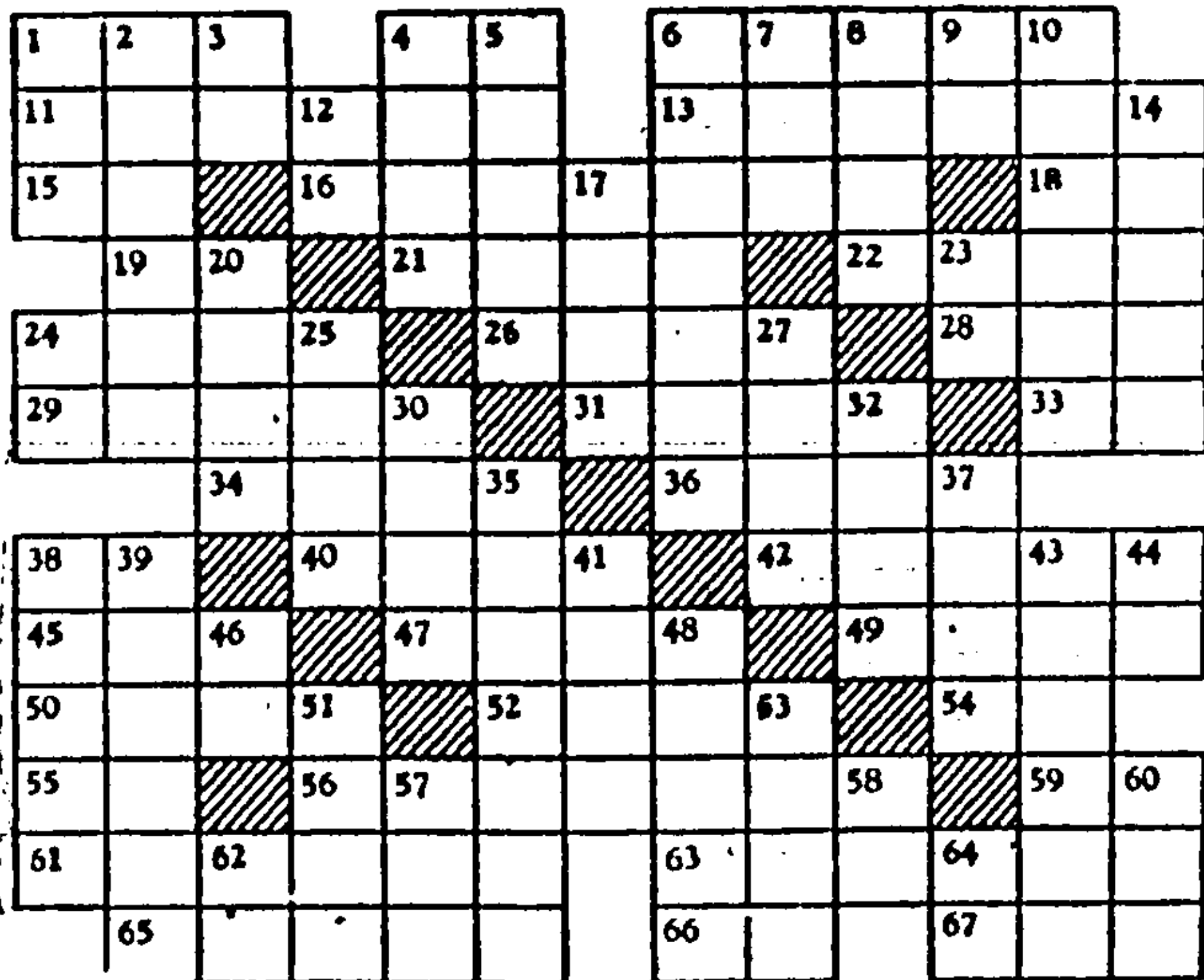
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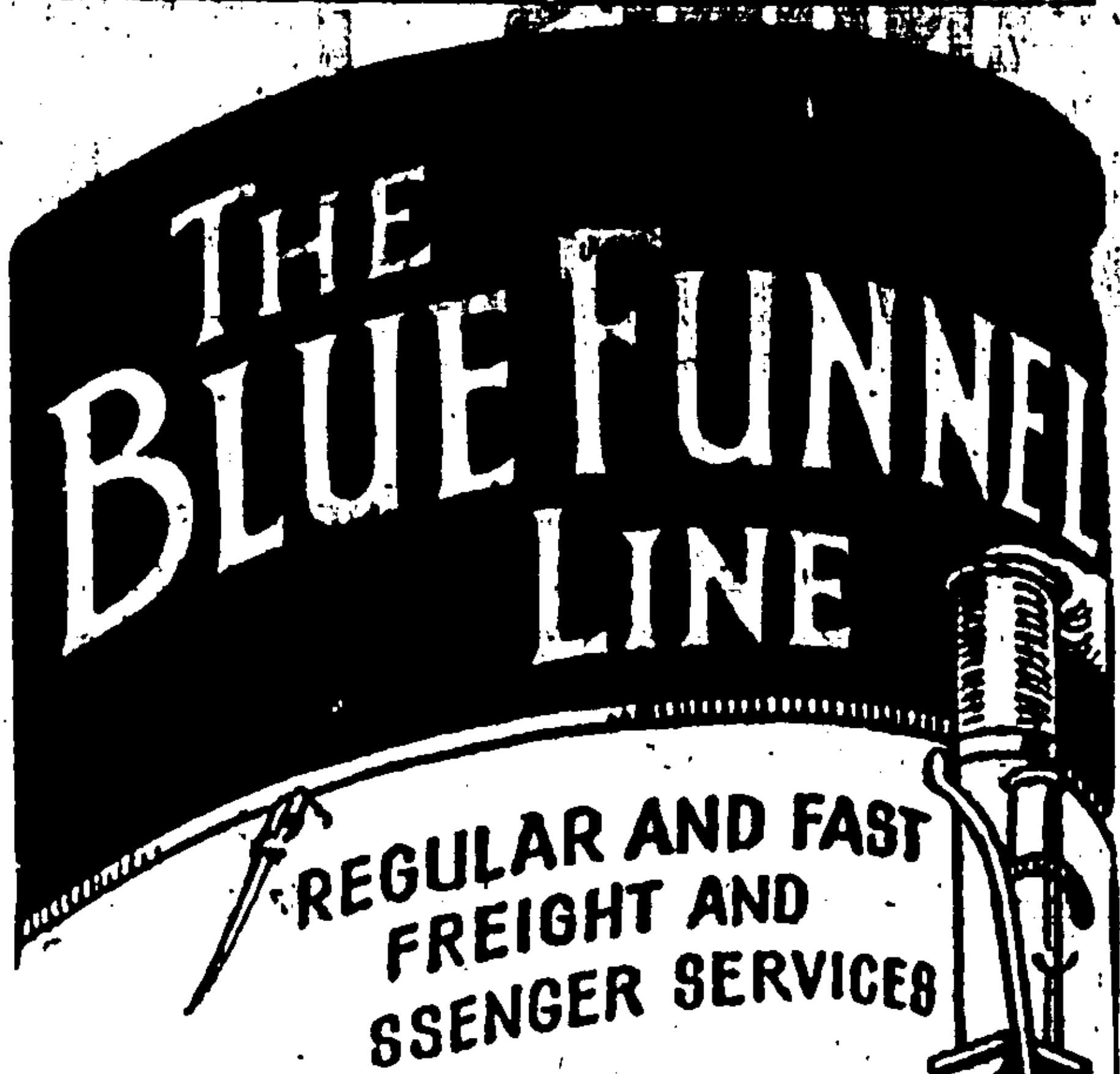
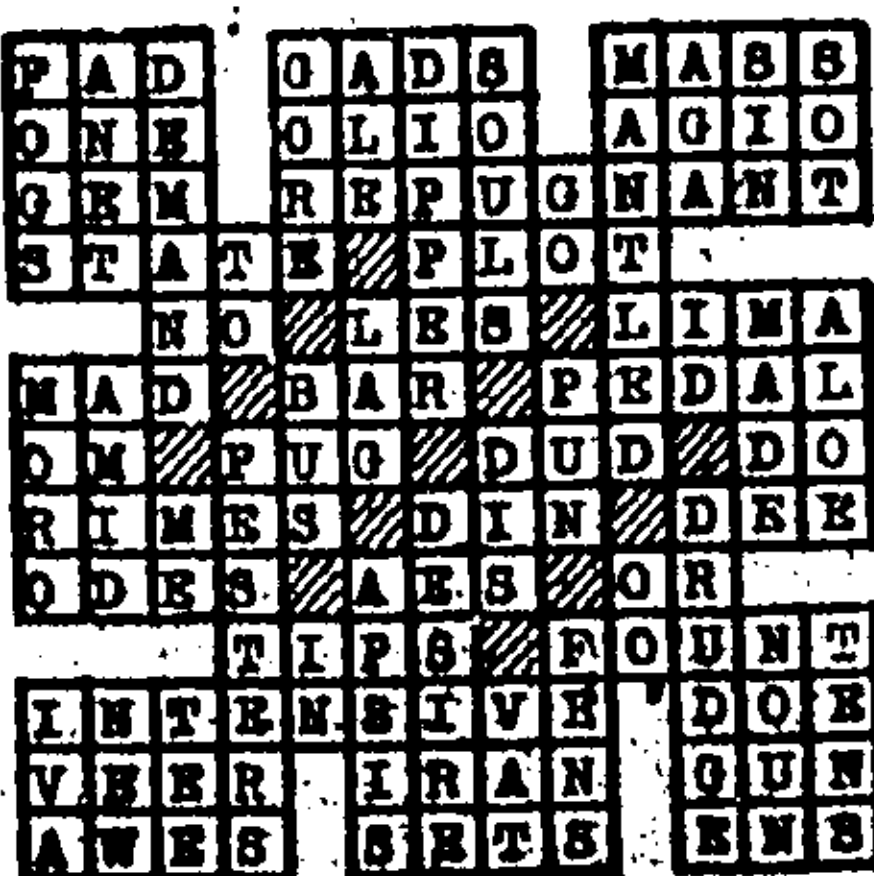
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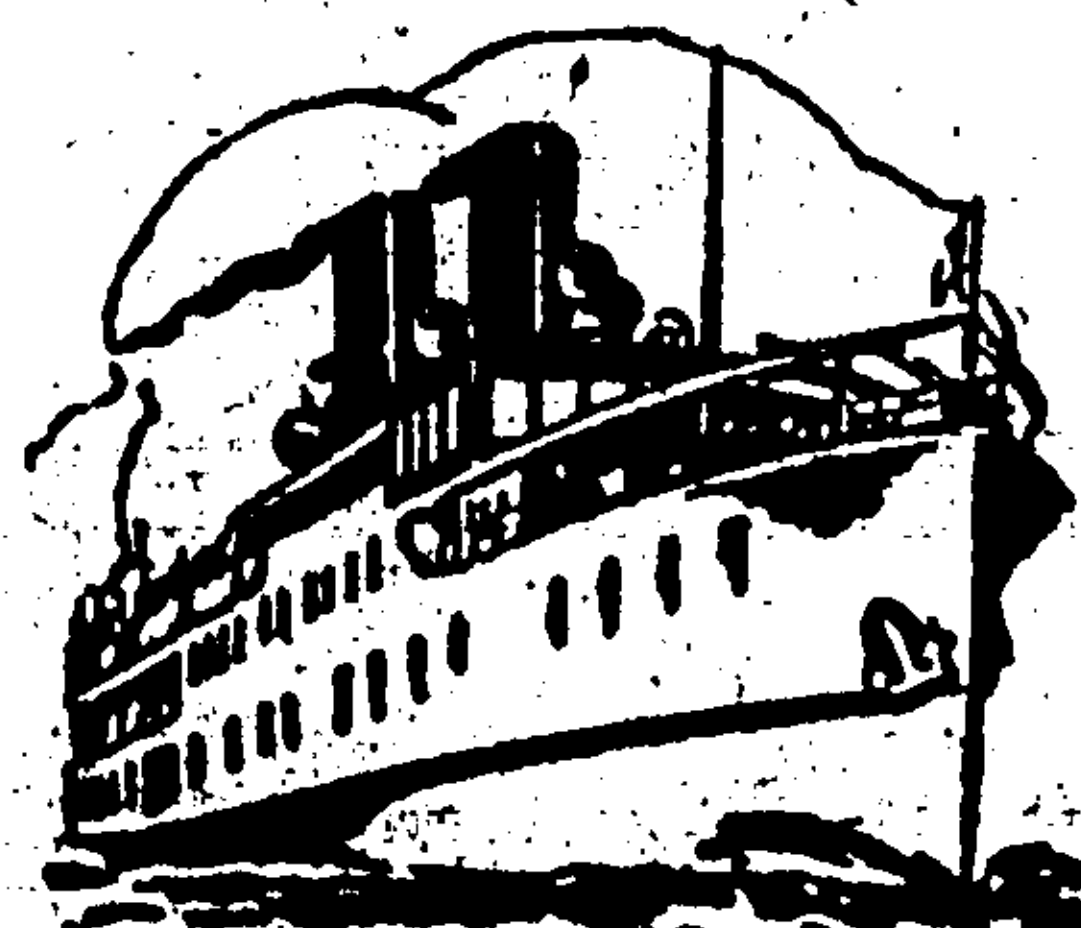
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GANDHI'S INTERESTING ANALYSIS OF BRITISH OFFER AND CONGRESS DEMANDS

London, To-day.

THE "DAILY HERALD" publishes on its front page a signed cable from Mr. Gandhi declaring his interview with the Viceroy shows that a wide gulf still exists between the British Government and Nationalist India.

What is offered, Mr. Gandhi says, is not real independence. Reality demands that India and not Britain should determine what she needs.

There would be no justice or virtue in Britain yielding to a successful rebellion, violent or non-violent. It was necessary for Britain to be just and to declare her determination to recognise immediately the freedom of India.

This meant that a Constitution should be framed by the Constituent Assembly or its equivalent as soon as practicable.

There was no analogy between the Dominions and India. India's case was by itself and had to be treated as such.

MORAL VICTORY

Mr. Gandhi declares: "Every problem is of Britain's own making," and adds: "What has happened was doubtless the necessity of Imperialism, but if Imperialism dies the problems of Britain's making will be automatically dissolved."

Mr. Gandhi concludes: "Britain's moral victory will be assured when she decides by a mighty effort to abandon her immoral hold on India, and then her other victory will follow as day follows night, for then the conscience of the whole world would be on her side. No makeshift such as is now offered can stir India's heart or the world's conscience."—Reuter.

DOZENS OFFER TO WED 'GIRL IN CAR'

Back in her Wigan home Miss Norah Bradley, aged twenty-one, two won the "girl in the car" case in the King's Bench Division is reading proposals of marriage.

She was awarded £75—damages against the father and an uncle of her ex-sweetheart. She alleged that they forcibly carried her off in a car to prevent her marrying the young man. Then she went back home to devote herself to her six-month-old baby girl, Freda.

She told a reporter. "People have been so kind to me. I have had dozens

MISS 'LOVELY EYES' FOUND

Canadian soldier Jack Steel, twenty-five, who fell in love with a girl in a London tube train and then broadcast for her from the stage of a Kingsbury (Middlesex) cinema, is unaware that she has been traced.

But the girl, Phyllis Swallow, of Cherry Orchard road, Croydon, Surrey, a twenty-one-year-old typist, would be "ever so thrilled to meet him."

She read in the newspapers how Jack Steel received a rousing reception in the Kingsbury Odeon cinema when he went on the stage and appealed:—

"Are you here, Lovely Eyes? Please come forward if you are . . . please."

Sitting opposite to her in the train from Piccadilly-circus, Jack was so attracted by Phyllis that he passed his destination and finally alighted at Kingsbury to follow her.

But in the black-out he lost her near the cinema.

"You see," Phyllis explained to a reporter. "I passed the cinema and turned up another street, but the soldier evidently thought I had gone in to see a film."

"Now I would really like to meet him and tell him how sorry I am that I wasn't a little more friendly to him."

of proposals, one from an R.A.F. officer from New Zealand, another from a South African Army officer.

"One young man wrote saying that his sister, who was in a similar position to myself, had committed suicide. He had made a vow that he would help any other girl. He said that if I lost my case he would give me his home and name."

"Freda is my life, and I shall never marry."

THIS BEATS BIG BUSINESS

A company run by children has declared a dividend of 42 per cent. for the year—free of tax. Last year's dividend was 33 1-3 per cent. and the company has more than doubled its assets since it was formed.

It is the Market Rasen (Lincs) School Bee-Keeping Company.

"In spite of some setbacks your company's bees have been very active," said the chairman, Frank Spalding aged thirteen, at the annual meeting of shareholders.

"Despite the fact that more than 70 per cent. has been paid in dividends in two years, the assets of this flourishing concern have more than doubled."

The directors, he said, had been complimented by the Market Rasen food control committee for producing more than 150lb. of honey. Active management had resulted in establishment of hives in five neighbouring villages.

"The report hardly shows all the work which has been done by your directors," said Frank.

HE'S BEEN STUNG

"They have been looking after hives in places several miles apart, hiring lorries and fetching swarms of bees from hedges posts and trees."

Basil Weaver, the secretary of the company, reluctantly had to admit that he had been stung five times.

But he spoke as if it was part of the service which he was prepared to render the company.

The final sentence of the chairman's report was much the most interesting one to the shareholders. It read—

"The dividend will be paid by the treasurer, without deduction of income tax, at the close of this meeting."

Shareholders cheered. It was great fun.

Isobel Skayman, who had invested 13s. of her pocket money in the company, received 5s. 5d.

Refugees from Germany and Austria living in Cambridge have helped provide comforts for British troops by singing German folk songs.

The refugees took part in this year's picking at a local farm. While they worked they sang, and their old songs were appreciated so much by the English pickers that the refugees were invited to sing at a concert in aid of the troops.

GOOD DAY AT K.B.G.C.

The Tenth annual "Attaboy" Shield Competition of Kowloon Bowling Green Club was played yesterday when 64 bowlers took part, among whom were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and Lieut. Col. Collin.

It was recalled to members, prior to the toast "Attaboy," that the donor of this shield was Mr. D. F. Warren who was, for many years, the Canadian Emigration Commissioner in Hong Kong, and who was President of the Club in 1929. Mr. Warren is now happily in retirement in Canada, but this annual all-day match for his "Attaboy" Shield will assure him that he is far from being forgotten in the Bowling Green Club.

The winners of the Shield for the current year were Messrs. G. Elphick, W. H. Ogan, E. A. Atkins and A. M. Holland (Skip) who were 37 shots "up".

Runners up were Messrs. E. Levitt, J. Watson, S. M. White and A. J. Hall (Skip) 28 shots up.

Other rinks, in order of finishing were:— Messrs W. Houston, H. Patrick, H. Nish and J. McKelvie (Skip), E. Pope, A. Jeffries, E. Searle and J. Meyer (Skip), H. Cooper, J. Hurst, T. Armstrong and R. Duncan (Skip), E. Turpin, B. Maughan, A. Bower and A. Hyde-Day (Skip), G. Deacon, L. Jordan, P. Hamilton and W. S. Drake (Skip), W. Tomlin, Hon. Mr. Dodwell, W. Walker and J. Gill (Skip), A. Morton, Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, W. Harrower and D. Waterton (Skip), P. Peckham, E. Spradberry, J. Prentice and J. C. Brown (Skip), K. C. Hamilton, H. Snong, J. Logan and J. Fraser (Skip), R. P. Phillips, W. Hodder, M. Ferguson and G. Sherriff (Skip), A. Calman, S. C. Walker, T. Coleman and H. Lockhart (Skip), H. G. Hammond, E. Scard, H. Drew and J. Henson (Skip), E. Abraham, C. Langley, H. Blacknell and L. Guy (Skip), E. P. C. Collin, W. Wilson, F. Cheesman and G. E. Thompson (Skip).

FASTER R.A.F. PLANES

London, To-day.

Experiments being made to equip the R.A.F. with faster and even more formidable planes were explained to the King when he visited an aircraft works at Yeovil, Somerset, which to-day is manufacturing the Lysander type of plane.

The King watched test pilots handling these machines which zoom almost vertically, alternatively flying at their fastest speed and dropping to the astonishingly low speed of 50 miles an hour, which makes them ideal for reconnaissance work.

In the course of the morning the King had inspected an Army division of the Southern Command, driving nearly 100 miles visiting troops in various billets.—Reuter.

FORMER ATHLETE ALMOST A CRIPPLE

Now "Right as Rain" After Taking Kruschen

In his youth, this man was a great runner and footballer, but in middle age the fettering pains of rheumatism bound him hand and foot. After such an active life as his had been, this loss of freedom of movement was particularly unbearable. Here he tells of his successful cure:—

"My knees were so stiff with a kind of rheumatoid trouble that I could only rise from a chair with pain and difficulty. This had been growing worse and worse for about two years. It was all the more galling because in my young days I had played for two counties at football and held my college record for the 100 and 220 yards. Naturally I tried all sorts of embrocation, but with absolutely no perceptible effect. Then I decided to try Kruschen Salts, and to cut a long story short, I am now as right as rain."—W.S.T.

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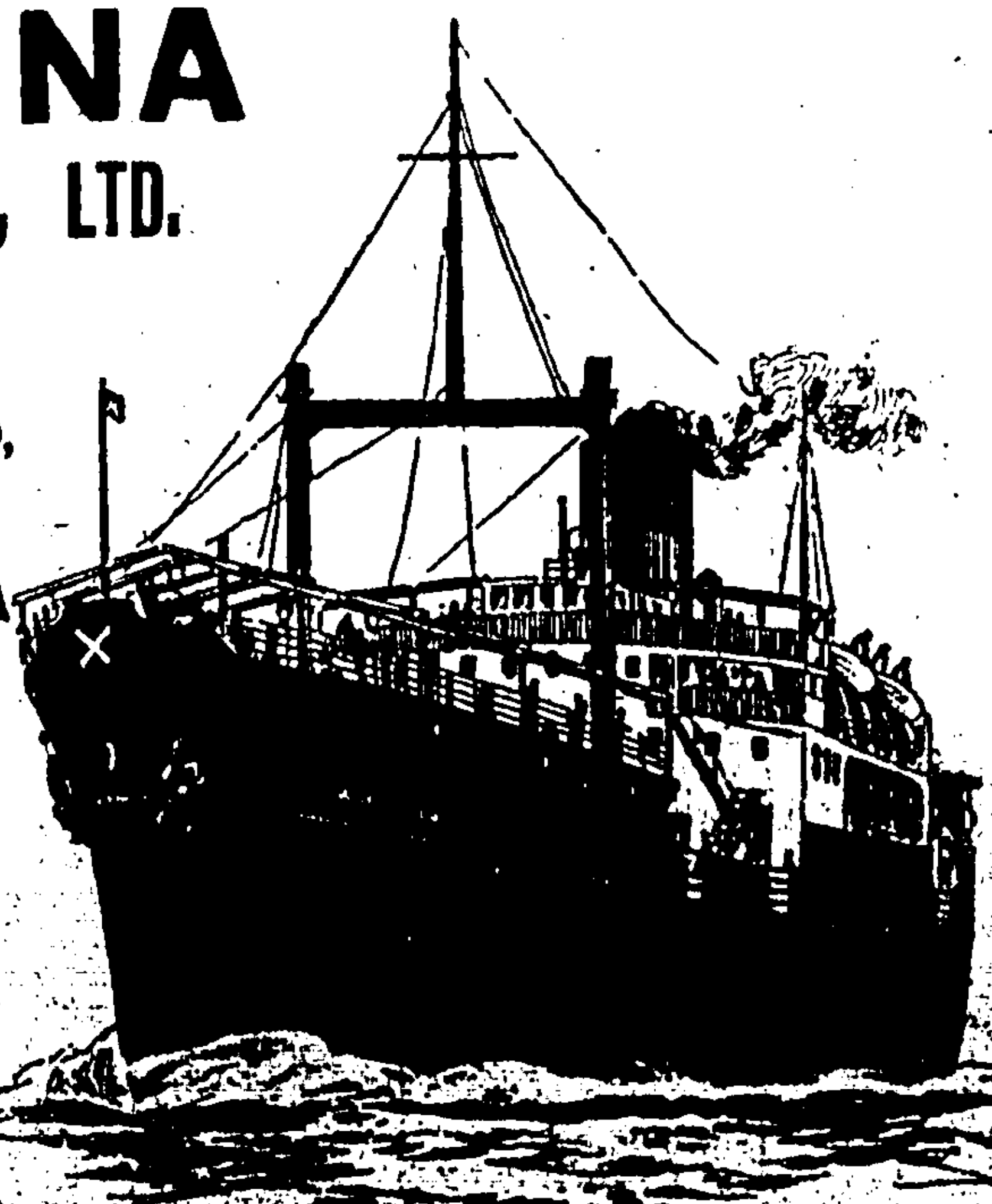
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REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

"MONROE HEADS" COUNTERFEIT CASE

In the Fall of 1897 the Government at Washington was startled by the appearance of a number of counterfeit \$100 bills, bearing the head of President James Monroe. In the language of Treasury experts they were called "Monroe Heads." The bogus notes were so nearly perfect that they even deceived men connected with the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

One of them was tendered and accepted in payment of customs duties at Philadelphia, so Operative William J. Burns of the United States Secret Service was assigned to the case with instructions to stay on the job until he had arrested the counterfeiters and recovered the plates.

It was a big order, but he accepted it with confidence. His first move was to make an investigation into the operation of all engravers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It was the hardest kind of hard work and it called for the services of a tireless man like Burns. After many weary months



stamps had been made. When hunting counterfeiters one of the standing rules of the United States Secret Service is: "Get the plates." There are two reasons for this. One is that they are needed for a conviction of the culprits. The second is that as long as they have not been found there is still danger of their being used to flood the country with counterfeits.

A word dropped by Baldwin, one of the engravers, gave the detective an idea. He went to the Baldwin home in Camden. By this time the case had assumed such importance that Chief Wilkie and all of the big shots from Washington were on the scene. The house was searched from top to bottom without result. Just when it looked as if the expedition were a failure, Burns decided to make a second visit to the cellar. This time he noticed that some of the earth in a corner had been freshly disturbed.

A man with a pick and shovel was summoned. "We'll dig all the way into China until we find something," declared the detective. But it was not necessary to go far. In a few minutes the shovel struck something hard and metallic. It proved to be the missing Monroe Head plates.

The case attracted nationwide attention. Those involved employed able counsel and fought the charges to the last ditch. But the evidence was overwhelming. All concerned were convicted and sentenced to long terms in the State prison in Philadelphia.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR IMPROVING

Ottawa, To-day.

The doctors state that the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, fainted and fell, striking his head and cutting the scalp.

He received a concussion and was unconscious for an hour but he steadily improved and is now conscious and resting comfortably.

A doctors' bulletin states that Lord Tweedsmuir passed a comfortable night, and his condition is showing satisfactory improvement.

Two Montreal specialists who were summoned as a precaution left for home yesterday.—Reuter.

SPEED-UP IN AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

MELBOURNE, TO-DAY.

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO DIRECT THE ACCELERATION OF AIRCRAFT



Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Quark after their marriage at Rosary Church. Mrs. Quark was formerly Miss Marie Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Boswell photographed after their marriage at the Registry on Saturday. Mrs. Boswell was formerly Miss Chang Ying.



A group of officials, including Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, watching the A.R.P. demonstration at Jubilee Park.



Taken at the opening of the Exhibition of Industrial goods. In the group are Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen and Miss Phyllis Harrop.

PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO REACH THE MAXIMUM EFFORT IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

The objective under the Empire Plan is to keep 3,000 machines always ready for the air.

Meanwhile the Trade Minister, Mr.

Lawson, announced that the Government is pushing ahead with the investigation into every possible method of stimulating shipbuilding in conformity with Commonwealth hopes to make a real contribution to Empire shipbuilding.—Reuter.

CONSTIPATION

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HONGKONG INTERPORT RUGBY TRIUMPH

TONGE-MOSS WEDDING AT ST. ANDREW'S

A wedding of considerable interest in sporting circles took place at St. Andrew's Church yesterday when Kathleen Eleanor Tonge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Tonge of Ruchill, Glasgow, became the bride of George Charles Moss, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss of Hong Kong. Rev. J. R. Higgs officiated and was assisted by Mr. Rupert Baldwin at the organ.

The bride, who made a pretty picture in white lace with fine tulle veil attached by gardenias and carrying white roses and cosmos, entered the church on the arm of Mr. V. H. Freeman, and was attended by Miss Malsie Tillery and Miss Vickie Moss, youngest sister of the bridegroom, who looked very attractive in powder blue taffeta with coatees and muffs of white fur cloth. Master Billie Stoker, nephew of the bridegroom, made a very pleasing page in white satin blouse and blue velvet breeches.

Mr. Walter Brown performed the duties of best man.

Mrs. Moss, the bride's mother, wore a royal blue taffeta dress with hat to match.

Following the church ceremony a large number of friends attended the reception held at China Light and Power Recreation Club, where the Dance Band of Royal Scots, by kind permission, was in attendance.

The bride looked charming in her going-away dress, which was of navy blue crepe silk with accessories to match. The honeymoon is being spent at Stanley.

The former Miss Tonge played hockey for "Y" Ladies several seasons ago, being a member of their Caer Clark Cup championship team, while Mr. Moss plays football for Police and has played with distinction in goal for Y.M.C.A.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning on Sunday:—

OLD COURSE	
9.16 a.m.	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.30	S. H. Dodwell, Brig. McLeod.
9.34	G. G. Aikenhead, M. G. Carruthers.
9.38	Capt. Thursby, F. A. Redmond.
9.52	A. H. Penn, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.56	L. R. Andrewes, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.00	H. J. Armstrong, A. V. Greaves.
10.04	G. M. Park, J. W. Mayhew.
10.08	G. C. Worrall, W. Hewitt.
10.12	J. K. Bousfield, H. L. Schultz.
10.16	M. Pollock, R. Sanger.
10.20	R. J. K. Walker, H. W. Beasley.
10.24	J. M. Pearson, G. S. Brown.
10.28	S. Crawford, A. M. Kirby.
10.32	P. E. Annis, R. C. Gairdner.
10.36	K. S. Robertson, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.40	G. T. Harrington, A. M. Mack.
10.44	I. P. Tamworth, A. E. Lissaman.
10.48	H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.
10.52	W. A. Stewart, T. Low.
10.56	C. C. Black, P. Morrison.
11.00	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
9.20 a.m.	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
9.24	W. G. Robertson, R. K. Valentine.
9.28	J. R. Collis, V. R. Gordon.
9.32	A. Sommerfelt, W. M. Barton.
9.36	J. B. Mackie, Surg. Lt. McDonald.

NEW COURSE
9.20 a.m. Comdr. & Mrs. Hole.
9.24 " A. J. Dennis, Mrs. Hillier.
9.28 " W. S. Hillier, Mrs. Dennis.
9.32 " R. Young, G. W. Behrman.
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CESSFORD HURT: VERY HEAVY GROUND: FIRST HALF ADVANTAGE PAVES WAY FOR WIN

Shanghai, to-day.—Hong Kong broke their sequence of alternate Rugby wins on Shanghai soil when they beat Shanghai by a goal and a try (8 points) to two tries (6 points) yesterday in brilliant sunshine but on an unusually heavy ground. Hong Kong led 3-0 at the interval.

Hong Kong, playing without Cessford in the second half—he injured his knee—fully deserved their success, delighting with numerous threequarter movements and brilliant individual play. They enjoyed an almost undisputed territorial advantage in the first half, during which Bidwell, Cessford, Bosanquet, Walkden and Henderson were the most prominent.

PACK OUTPLAYED

A different tale is to be told of the Colony pack, however. They were entirely overshadowed, Shanghai's front row almost invariably securing the ball from the tight scrums, while the home forwards were much wilder awake in the loose and in the lineouts.

After being outplayed in the opening half Shanghai, who lasted the gruelling game much better than their opponents, rallied gallantly and Hong Kong, except for spasmodic raids, were penned in their own half for long periods on end and only fumbled passes saved their line on several occasions. As it was, if the Shanghai full-back, Dickson, had not missed an easy penalty kick early in the second half Shanghai would have won.

THOMSON CUTS THROUGH

Shanghai started well and Hong Kong were soon on the defensive, but the first noteworthy movement came from the visitors, Thomson breaking through and penetrating far into Shanghai territory before he was brought down. This put the Colony side on their mettle and for practically the remainder of the first half they were on the offensive.

Hong Kong first came near scoring when Bidwell cut through and covered 30 yards before being grassed by Dickson.

Ten minutes later, after almost continuous pressure, Hong Kong opened the scoring when BOSANQUET, who displayed a remarkable turn of speed, went over in the corner. Henderson made a praiseworthy attempt to kick a goal from a very difficult position and being further handicapped by the very heavy ball.

Just before half time Cessford, who had worked very hard, injured his knee and was assisted off the field.

HENDERSON RELIEVES

Commencing the second half 3-0 down, Shanghai opened in very promising style, taking the ball to within five yards of Hong Kong's line, following their first open threequarter movement of the match, but offside play relieved the situation for the Colony, Henderson, who was repeatedly applauded for his fine kicking, finding touch well inside the Shanghai half.

9.44	S. L. Lloyd, C. F. Marshall.
9.48	J. B. Harrison, J. R. Sindlinger.
9.52	R. H. Gregory, F. X. Lee.
9.56	L. A. B. Duncan, J. F. Richmond.
10.00	G. Thomson, A. W. Gibson.
10.04	P. K. M. Patten, C. J. Lafferty.
10.08	Major del Court, Major Temple.
10.12	I. H. & Mrs. Howell.
10.16	A. M. Kennedy, Lieut. Carter.
10.20	Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Low.
10.24	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.28	Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Valentine.

From the subsequent line-out Hong Kong secured possession and the ball went right along the threequarter line to Bidwell, who made ground before cross-kicking into the hands of his own forwards. Another pretty bout of passing between these forwards eventually resulted in REDMAN going over between the posts without being challenged. Henderson easily converted and Hong Kong led 8-0.

Shanghai then secured two unconverted tries, through Dickinson, scrum-half, and Reynolds, forward. The Colony players were now showing signs of distress on the very heavy ground, and had Dickson kicked a penalty goal from a comparatively easy position Shanghai would have won.—Reuter.

TWO ASSUMPTIONS

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

There are two important omissions in Reuter's account. Firstly, the teams, and it must therefore be assumed that the following played:

Hong Kong—J. R. Henderson; H. D. Bidwell, J. Hutchison, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; F. A. Cessford and J. M. Thomson; A. F. Walkden (captain), K. W. Salter, P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hynes, C. F. Needham; G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

Shanghai—W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, S. M. Thornley and S. J. Ward; I. F. Aucott and J. R. Dickinson; R. A. O. Mayne, R. U. Reynolds, A. Gamble; W. D. Pearson (captain), J. D. Sayle; G. H. Reynolds, S. A. Wallace and P. B. Tay.

Secondly, who replaced Cessford when he was off? Charter appears to be the answer, with Needham or Godfrey filling Charter's place in the threequarter line.

I was convinced Hong Kong would win when they left for the North, but I must say I was a little worried when I heard of the poor weather conditions prevailing. Club have never lasted the full period and on a heavy ground their resources were going to be taxed even more than previously. Their win is indeed a meritorious one, and all I can now say is that if we had been able to send D. H. Stewart, R. E. Heasman, E. D. Bompas, A. M. Kennedy and J. F. Burford we would have massacred Shanghai.

SEQUENCE BROKEN

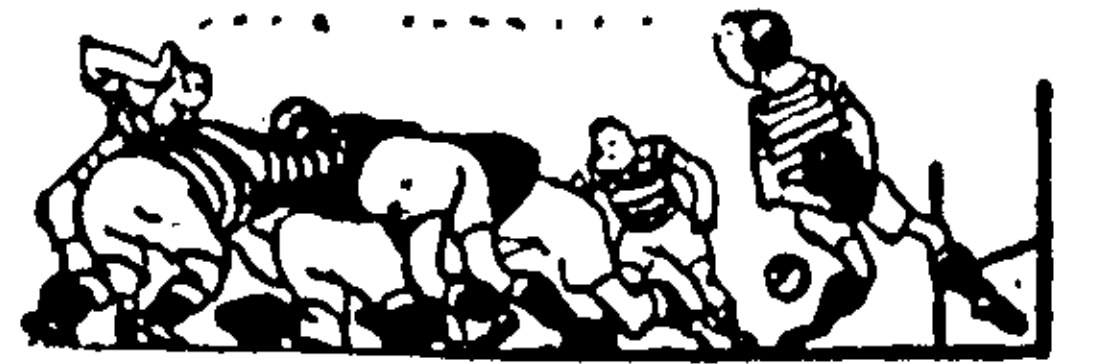
Following are the results of matches played in Shanghai:

1925-6	Shanghai won	16-3
1927-8	Hong Kong won	6-3
1929-30	Shanghai won	5-0
1933-3	Hong Kong won	16-5
1934-5	Shanghai won	17-11
1936-7	Hong Kong won	14-3
1939-40	Hong Kong won	8-6

The complete standings to date are:

Hong Kong	13	7	8	117	83
Shanghai	13	6	7	93	117

Hong Kong's next game is against U.S. Marines to-morrow, and it is more than likely that they will lose, bearing in mind Cessford's injury and the fact that the Americans do not play orthodox Rugby at forward. The Marines, however, will miss the inspiring leadership of Bidler, who has been transferred.



14 CLUB "A" BEAT 8TH HEAVY REGT.

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Starting the game with 12 men and finishing with only 14, Club "A" beat 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, by a goal and a penalty goal (8 points) to nil in their Rugby match at the Valley on Wednesday.

Club forwards played a bustling game, Heasman, Dunnett, McCrea and Stoker being prominent, while Austin, normally a forward, was very sound at centre three-quarter and later on the wing. He tackled decisively, ran straight when in possession and went down on the ball in the approved manner when it was necessary. It is a pity he makes such rare appearances. Wright-Nooth, usually a wing forward, was very useful as a wing-threequarter and would be even better if he ran straight. Lavalie had two nice runs to his credit, and is gradually realising that he has all that is required for an attacking threequarter. Morgan appears to have found his position at last. He always had the better of Kebble at scrum-half, and his passing will improve with practice. Smith did not have the best service to deal with, but he was disappointing at fly-half.

The Gunner forwards always tended to be offside due to unusually slow recovery. Paine and McCarthy were the pick of an indifferent pack. Richards, Army wing-threequarter, had few chances at fly-half. Once he had a clear path to the line when he kicked ahead, but his second kick was too hurried and the ball went into touch. Marsh again failed to use his speed to advantage and again gave away valuable ground by running back towards his own line in an endeavour to evade oncoming forwards. Lomax gave a better showing than he has done for sometime, but he was too closely watched by Lavalie to be dangerous.

After Marsh had failed to kick a penalty goal Austin broke through in a determined burst and sent Dunnett over near the posts for McCrea to convert. After the interval McCrea kicked a very fine penalty goal from almost on the touch line.

The game was handled excellently by S. C. Davis, who was making his first appearance locally after having played in and "refred" many games at home.

Club "A"—Roscoe; Wright-Nooth, Austin, Lavalie and Leigh; Smith and Morgan; Heasman, McCrea, Stoker; Benn, King, Beattie and Dunnett.

8th Heavy Regt.—Foster; Marsh, McDermott, Lomax and Freer; Richards and Kebble; Rawlings, Luckett, Turner; Cooke, Paine; McCarthy, Plummer and Bowen.

TOMORROW'S RUGBY

Club "A" team to meet Middlesex Regiment at 3 p.m. to-morrow at Boundary Street, Kowloon, is as follows: Thompson; A. N. Other, A. N. Other, Morgan and Hopkins; Carruthers and Tresidder; Kennedy, McCrea, Heasman; Bompas, Dr. Hackett; Richardson, Carey and Leigh.

Hackett is reputed to be a very useful forward, and his first appearance for Club will be watched with interest.

Following this game Police will meet Navy at 4.15 p.m.

Following will represent Police: Taylor; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Jackson; Leslie and Morrison; Wheeler, Cullinan and Searle; Rose and Innis; Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

Wall is still on the injured list and the loss of Luscombe, who injured his knee last Saturday, will be keenly felt. Dempsey, however, makes a welcome reappearance.

Following will represent Navy: Lieutenant Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; L.S.A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown and Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; Fl. Lieutenant Taylor and Chief Writer King; Ldg. Wtr. Ferria, Pay Lieutenant Charles and Mid. Murray Jones.

Reserves—Mid. O'Riordan, Mid. Boe, Ldg. Sig. Inglis and Pay Sub-Lieut. Sumner. Navy have their best available side on view and will do their best to see that Police do not secure a win against the "big" three—Police have already lost to Club and Army.

HONG KONG LOSE POOR INTERPORT CONTEST

Gosano Shines; Well Backed By Hussain, S. Strange

HOSSACK & E. STRANGE BEST OF POOR ATTACK

Shanghai, Yesterday.

IN IDEAL WEATHER but with the ground somewhat soft though considerably better than condition for the Rugby game, the 15,000 spectators who jammed the Canidrome witnessed one of the poorest Interports ever played in Shanghai for many years, when Shanghai beat Hong Kong by two goals to nil.

The match lacked concerted movements, good goal shooting and judicious kicking, while thrills were far and few between.

The Hong Kong defence was outstanding with Gosano playing the game of his life. He so tamed the usually dangerous Shanghai forward, Robostoff, that the latter had no more than two or three shots at goal. S. Strange and Hussain backed up the captain nobly with effective first-time tackling.

Hong Kong's forwards were the weakest department, except Hossack and E. Strange, who were constant triers but lacked support.

OFF SIDE GOAL?

After much aimless kicking and poor passing by both sides, Shanghai settled down and scored from the first pretty movement, through Robostoff in the tenth minute, although the Russian player seemed to be standing in an off side position when he collected the pass from the right.

Hong Kong applied pressure, but though given many opportunities, none of the forwards were able to trouble Willie Ward.

In the 34th minute Guy handled in penalty area but Jimmy Ward drove straight at Moxham, who tipped the ball over the cross bar.

HOSSACK'S MISSED CHANCE

Shanghai then dominated the play and missed two open goals in two minutes. Just before half time Hossack was given a perfect through pass, but skied with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Half time arrived with Shanghai leading by one goal to nil.

In the first minute after resumption, Hussain saved a certain goal when he headed out after Moxham had been beaten. Shanghai now swarmed round Hong Kong's goalmouth, but were prevented from putting in a single effective shot through the first-time tackling of Gosano, Hussain and Strange.

Ten minutes before the end Foyn made victory secure when he converted a through pass from McLarty at point blank range.

Hong Kong:—Moxham, Hussain and S. Strange; Guy, Gosano and Honniball; McEwan, Leonard, Hossack, Forrow and E. Strange.

Shanghai:—W. Ward; G. Collet, Sgt. W. Harrison; Y. Segalen, N. Z. Lee, J. Ward, (Capt.); F. Foyn, Bdm. H. McLarty, V. Robostoff, K. S. Suen, C. T. Tsao.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.

Three League football matches were played yesterday.

In the "South A", Arsenal, at home, drew with Watford 2-2, while Charlton lost on their own ground to West Ham by 2 goals to 5.

In the "South B", Queen's Park Rangers defeated Southampton 4-1.

—Reuter.

Owing to pressure on space, Bowling Alley Jottings and Army Sportlight have been held over.

C.C.C. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a friendly game against K.C.C. to-morrow at 2.00 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground.

E. Zimmer (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulce, H. P. Lim, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, G. Winch, and F. R. Zimmer.

Umpire:—G. Ladd.

Scorer:—H. W. Randall.

DEPLETED CHINESE TEAM TROUNCE UNITED SERVICES

(By "REFEREE")

The Charity game at Caroline Hill yesterday was far from interesting and resulted in Chinese beating United Services by 4 goals to 1.

Chinese were without their star players, who are reserving themselves for to-day's Interport game while United Services were without Fox, Guy and Hossack who are in Shanghai.

Services had their chances to obtain goals but Tam Kwan-kon gave a good display in goal and brought off several good saves.

Lee Kwok-wai played in the centre-half berth and showed glimpses of his old form. He was fast in his tackling but was wont to take his time when beaten and did not drop back to assist his defence.

WONG PROMINENT

Wong King-cheong, on the left wing, was another player to shine. His centring was good and his ball control made him a dangerous forward.

In the Service team, Sheehan was seen in the pivotal position, with Bright in the forward line.

Honeywell played a sound game at right half and held Wong King-cheong in the first half.

The forward line played well individually but there was little combination. Both Thomas and Munro, on the wings, sent over good centres but the inside-forwards did not make the most of them.

Chan Tak-fai opened the scoring in the first half when he darted through the two hesitating backs.

In the second period, Yeung Shui-yick (2), Chan Tak-fai and Wong King-cheong added further goals while Munro netted for services.

Chinese:—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Lau Po-hel; Soong Ling-sing, Lee Kwok-wai and Lau Tse-chan; Yeung Shui-yick, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chan Tak-fai, Chau Man-chi and Wong King-cheong.

Services:—Duncan; Lawton and Nay-smith; Wilkinson, Sheehan and Honeywell; Munro, Le Page, Hendy, Bright and Thomas.

POLICE CAUSE UPSET

Police earned the right to meet South China "A", holders, in the Semi-Final Round of the Senior Shield competition when they unexpectedly beat Middlesex at Boundary Street on Wednesday by the odd goal in three.

All the goals were scored in the first half and for the greater period of the second half, the Police were mostly on the defensive, but held out. Middlesex had a glorious chance of equalising in the last two minutes when Blackburn fouled Tait, but Sheehan failed to score the penalty.

Middlesex scored first through Tait but ten minutes later Wong Man-kwai equalised with a good shot. Just before half time Howlett headed the winning goal from a centre from C. Pile.

Middlesex:—Drake; Cooper and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright and Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Tate, Saw and Thomas.

Police:—McHardy; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; North, Gough and Brooks; Johnson, Howlett, Wong Mau-kwai, Ferrier and Pile.

POLICE WIN AGAIN

At Boundary Street, Police beat University by the odd goal in three in their postponed Second Division encounter. At half time Police were leading by two clear goals.



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ROYALS' THIRD BOXING SUCCESS IN SUCCESSION

Royal Scots won the Area Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Championship for the third time in succession when they beat Middlesex Regiment by 26 points to 17 in the Final at Murray Barracks on Wednesday night.

Two of the 15 fights had to be cancelled due to the fact Middlesex were unable to

provide men at the weight, and Royal Scots thus secured easy points in this respect. The standard of boxing was not high and several of the men seemed surprisingly out of condition. Pte. Malham gave a promising display, and it was surprising he was only second string in the middleweight division. One decision provided a surprise, that

in which 2/Lt. Miller was adjudged the winner against Pte. Bridle.

Lt. Pinkerton, the Rugger forward, was unfortunate to stop a really fine right swing to the jaw very early in his bout with Pte. Revelle. He managed to get to his feet after two attempts but was obviously in no condition to continue the fight, and the bout was immediately stopped.

The Royals won by the convincing margin of 11 fights to 4, but, as H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasett said before presenting the trophies, there was very little in it. The Royals undoubtedly turned out the fitter and better trained men.

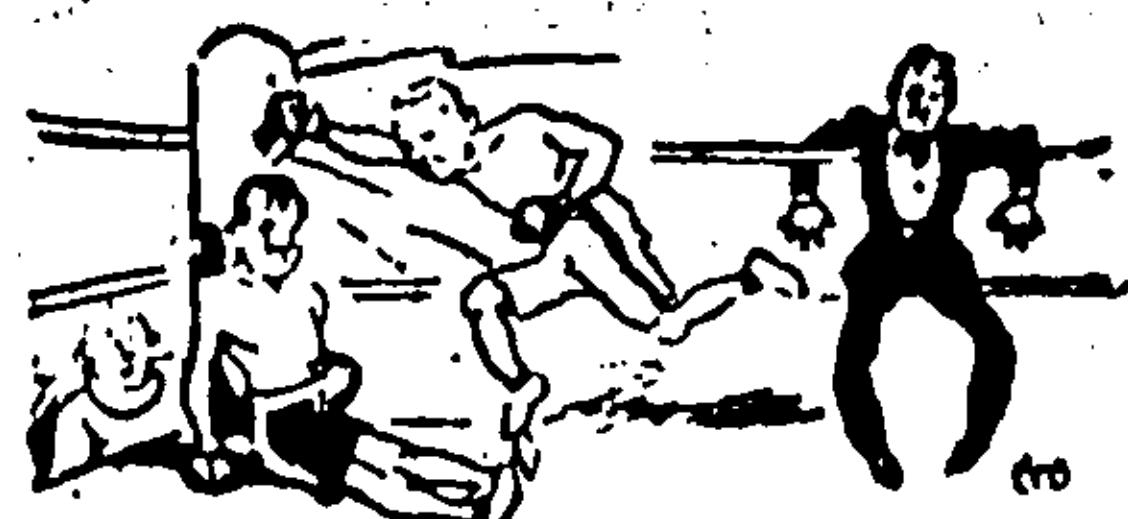
Following were the results:

Bantamweight

Pte. McDougall (R.S.) received a walk-over.

Featherweight

1st String—Pte. O'Neill (R.S.) received a walk-over.



2nd String—Pte. Corrigan (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Bull (Mx.).

Lightweight

1st String—Pte. Cole (Mx.) beat L/Cpl. Oulton (R.S.).

2nd String—Bds. Geiss (R.S.) beat Cpl. Rich (Mx.).

3rd String—Pte. Ross (R.S.) beat Pte. Day (Mx.).

Welterweight

1st String—L/Cpl. Wilson (Mx.) beat Pte. Wiseman (R.S.).

2nd String—Pte. Dingwall (R.S.) beat L/Cpl. Colebeck (Mx.).

3rd String—L/Cpl. Burns (R.S.) beat Pte. Cohen (Mx.).

4th String—Pte. Fitzsimmons (R.S.) beat Cpl. Manning (Mx.).

Middleweight

1st String—Cpl. Couper (R.S.) beat L/Sgt. Perry (Mx.).

2nd String—Pte. Malham (Mx.) beat Pte. Clark (R.S.).

3rd String—L/Cpl. Marshall (R.S.) beat Pte. Bedding (Mx.).

Lighthouseweight

1st String—Pte. Revelle (Mx.) beat Lt. Pinkerton (R.S.).

Heavyweight

1st String—2/Lt. Miller (R.S.) beat Pte. Bridle (Mx.).

The first two rounds were of 1½ minutes and the third of 2 minutes, and the system of scoring points was 2 for a win and 1 for a defeat.

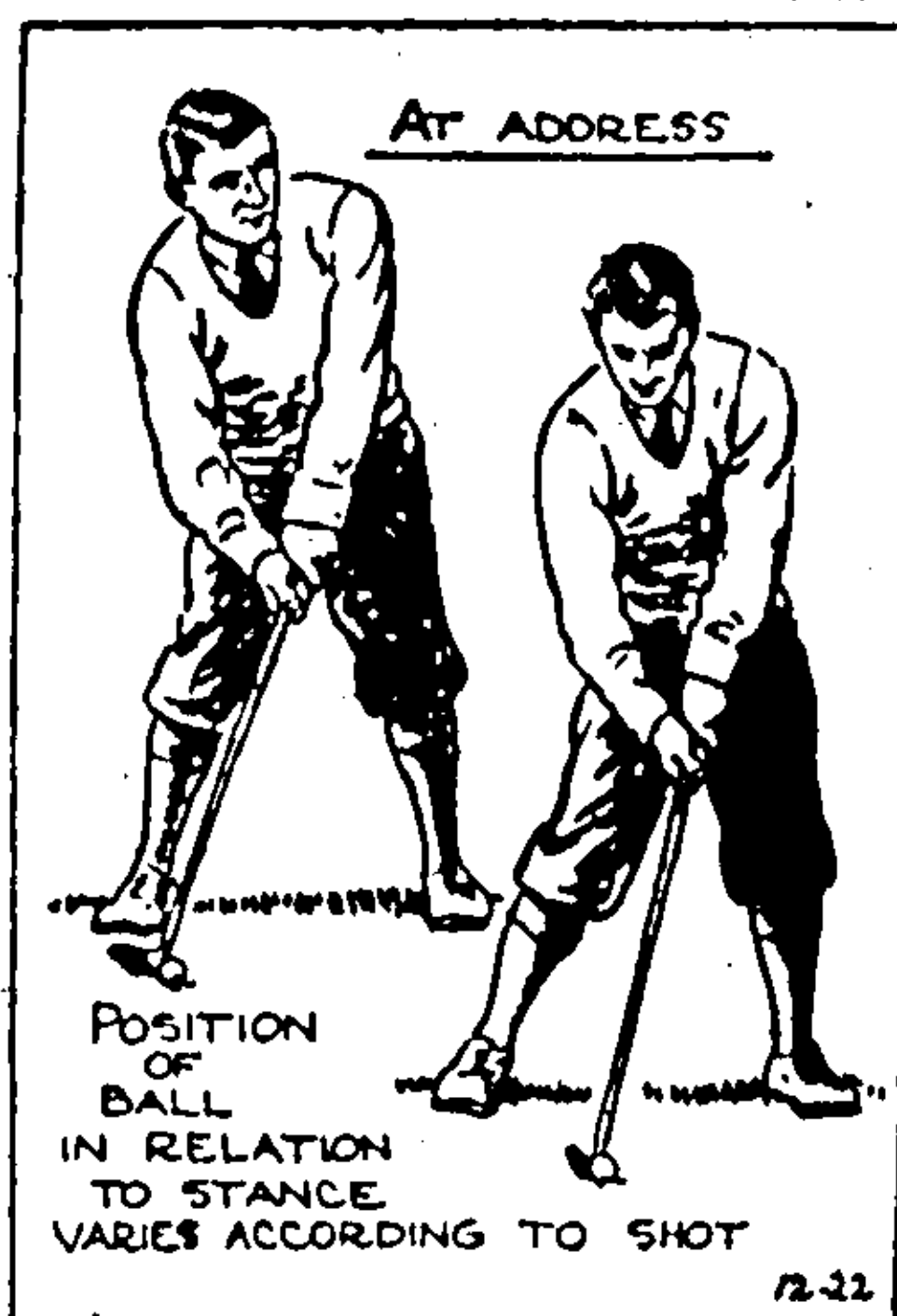
AT ADDRESS

By BEST BALL

One thing the golfer must keep everlastingly alert about is the relative positions of the player and the ball at address. This position varies slightly with each graduated range of the club but it can vary much more unintentionally, and with subsequent poor results, if the golfer does not give the problem the concentration it deserves. For instance there was a period when Bobby Jones was hitting his tee shots everywhere but in the direction he wished them to go and he could not solve the trouble. The more annoying it became, the more diligent his search until quite by accident he discovered that he was allowing the ball to creep back too far toward his right foot.

While this position is all right for the shorter shots, it is not

GRAPHIC GOLF



suitable for the driver which comes onto the ball close to the ground and hits the teed ball

straight in the back. For the rest of the shots in the golfer's bag, the ball's direction is back toward the right foot. For instance in the above illustration, the limit is reached for a quickly lofted, niblick shot; essentially a downswing hit. A bit further forward is the mashie pitch to the pin; then in progressive order the heavier irons. Practice will determine the positions best adopted for each golfer's game but even then one must keep the factor a lively one in his mind.

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SKIPWORTHS GALLANT EFFORT

In comparison with the previous game when Free Foresters beat Club, scoring at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday on the first of a two-day friendly cricket match, was low. At close of play Club were 27 runs on with three wickets in hand.

Free Foresters, despite a gallant innings by Capt. P. T. Skipworth, were all out for 142. In reply Club had made 169 for 7 when stumps were drawn.

Going in at the fall of the second wicket, Skipworth scored his 63 runs out of 66, hitting 10 fours. In partnership with Owen Hughes, he added 39 for the third wicket and with C. M. Man, who scored only 10, he was associated in a fourth wicket stand which realised 57 runs.

Fay bowled steadily for Club but Alec Pearce, going on third change, met with most success, taking five wickets for only 23.

Club started badly, losing the wicket of F. Marshall with only two runs on the board. A stand between Alec Pearce and Richardson then raised the score to 48 at which stage Richardson was caught in the slips off a ball which popped. Pearce and Garrett raised the total to 86 when the latter was caught by Perry off McLellan.

A few minutes later Pearce suffered the same fate as Richardson, but later, a stand between John Pearce and Lloyd added 55 for the seventh wicket and, with the total at 169, and Pearce's score 37 not out, stumps were drawn for the day.

FREE FORESTERS—1ST INNS.

Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w., b Fay ...	14
A. E. Perry, b Fay ...	2
H. Owen Hughes, c T. A. Pearce, b Lloyd	22
Capt. P. T. Skipworth, c J. L. C. Pearce, b T. A. Pearce ...	63
C. M. Man, l.b.w., b Fay ...	10
Lt.-Col. Teversham, c Richardson, b T. A. Pearce ...	4
D. McLellan, l.b.w., b T. A. Pearce ...	5
M. Weedon, c T. A. Pearce, b Fay ...	0
Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson, c Fay, b T. A. Pearce ...	8
Capt. W. W. Parsons, c Fay, b T. A. Pearce ...	1
Major W. G. Harvey, not out ...	1
Extras (B10, LB1, WB1) ...	12
Total ...	142

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay ...	16	7	40	4
Aitkenhead ...	5	0	17	0
J. L. C. Pearce ...	5	0	33	0
Lloyd ...	4	1	15	1
T. A. Pearce ...	9.7	2	23	5
J. L. C. Pearce bowled one wide.				

HONG KONG C.C.—1ST INNS.

J. E. Richardson, c Owen Hughes, b McLellan ...	33
F. Marshall, c Skipworth, b Harvey ...	0
T. A. Pearce, c Skipworth, b McLellan	41
Lt.-Comdr. Garrett, c Perry, b McLellan	14
J. L. C. Pearce, not out ...	37
B. C. Fay, b McLellan	1
Brig. McLeod, c Skipworth, b Owen Hughes ...	1
N. D. Lloyd, c McLellan, b Harvey ...	24
Extras (B4, LB2, WB1, NB1) ...	8
Total (for 7 wks.) ...	169
D. Carey, J. F. Lawrence and G. T. Aitkenhead to bat.	

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey ...	6.3	0	24	2
Perry ...	14	1	75	0
McLellan ...	12	0	44	4
Owen Hughes ...	4	1	18	1



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NEW AUSTRALIAN PONIES SUPERIOR TO PREVIOUS IMPORTATIONS

(By "RAPIER")

JUDGING BY performances at the early morning training, the 1940 batch of Australian ponies are superior in quality to previous importations, and I think it may be safely said that they will produce much keener racing and possibly new records.

However, this remains to be seen, and for the present I am giving only tentative information on those ponies I consider to be about the best, leaving the difficult problem of spotting the likely winner of the Rooter-Hill Derby to a later article.

In years past this stable has invariably been fortunate with their Australian ponies, among which they have had several Rooter-Hill Derby winners and this year they have four new ponies, Maple Star, Comedy Star, Cheerful Star and Melody Star, quite a useful quartette.

Maple Star and Cheerful Star appeal to me more than the other two, although I am not placing much reliance on either one to win any of the classics. I like Cheerful Star better than Maple Star on account of its fine movement, and this pony should develop into something worthy of serious consideration.

LAN STABLE

This stable has two new ponies, Far View and Grand Allegiance. From the very outset Far View was considered a good pony, and it has since gradually impressed rail fans as being about the best Australian pony of this season.

There is no doubt that Far View has a beautiful action, and in any race up to a mile it will be most difficult to beat. It is, however, difficult to say whether it has the necessary stamina to win the Rooter-Hill Derby.

Grand Allegiance is also promising and should be prominent in long-distance events.

MRS. A. E. GRASSETT

This popular lady owner has good reason to feel satisfied with her new pony, which she has named Sapper. It is powerfully built, and, although at the moment it has not done anything startling in its track work, it should be borne in mind.

MARBER STABLE

Mr. B. W. Bradbury has two quite good ponies in Connieber and Alfber, with the former as the better of the two. They will win races over medium distances.

EU TONG-SEN STABLE

Mr. Eu has Springhurst, but I think Mrs. Eu is more fortunate than her husband as her pony Albury has shown up very well in training and should be a serious contender in the Rooter-Hill Derby.

OTHER PONIES

Fair Chance, owned by Weetoo, is a pony which I consider has a promising future, although for some time it was most difficult to train. Its bad habits are gradually being mastered, and it should be remembered as one of the likely winners. It will probably be Mr. Peter Wei's mount in the Rooter-Hill Derby. Fair Chance is powerfully built, and I think it has the necessary stamina to fight out any long and gruelling race.

Australian Diamond, belonging to Diamonds, and a stable-mate of Fair Chance, is just as good, but I suspect its ability will only be shown in sprint events. Mr. B. L. Tao will be the jockey.

Mr. S. T. Williamson has a good pony in Sea Jay, which will probably be Mr. Benny Proulx's mount in the Rooter-Hill Derby. Should Sea Jay fail in this race, it will be worth following in later events of less importance and over shorter distances.

Viceroy, belonging to Vilaja, is a pony which bears some resemblance to Fair Chance, and, although at present it is not striding out so well, I feel that this animal will develop into a first class racer by the time the Annual Meeting comes along.

Messrs. Lee Bros. own Amicus Curiae, and in this pony they have a stayer which should be hard to beat in long-distance events. In appearance it is somewhat like Abio Amazon.

I have been watching this pony in training very closely and in my estimation it will probably spring a surprise in the Rooter-Hill Derby if given a strong enough jockey.

Flying Dutchman, belonging to Neerlandia, has a very easy action and gives the impression that it is more suitably equipped for short distance events. It should do well in the Sydney Meldens.

Dr. S. N. Chau's Ascot Day has been whispered about as the potential winner of one of the sections in the Sydney Meldens. It will be Mr. Chau's mount. In training, Ascot Day wallows just as good as Derby Day, and this alone justifies confidence being placed in it.

Powerful Kid, belonging to Messrs. Li & Edgar, has not the stamp of a class animal, but it is not bad. This pony will be taken out by Mr. H. C. Pih.

Many Thanks, owned by Dr. L. Reidy, was at one time highly thought of in connection with the Rooter-Hill Derby, but it received a setback in training a couple of weeks ago, thus impeding its progress. It may not fare prominently at the Annual Meeting, but bear this pony in mind for races later on.

In Vanity Fair, the Choice stable has a nice looking pony, which is undoubtedly good, and as it will be ridden by Mr. V. V. Needs its chances of winning the Rooter-Hill

Derby should not be ignored. This pony is definitely a menace over long distances, and it should be followed accordingly.

Sparrow, owned by Yly, has not been in the limelight at all whilst in training, but I think it should be noted as a good pony. It will probably be taken out in the Rooter-Hill Derby by Mr. S. L. Yuen, who has the habit of providing upsets when least expected.

Mr. Huo's Franklin is a nice looking pony in appearance, and although at the moment I cannot recommend it for any of the classic events, I feel that this animal will, under the careful guidance of Mr. S. C. Liang, develop into something good.

Contact, belonging to Ellandee appeals to me as a pony with good prospects, and I would recommend it for short-distance races.

The ponies I have named above are about the best, and they will bear watching at the forthcoming carnival.

RAJPUTANAS WIN

At King's Park on Wednesday, Rajputana Rifles beat a Y.M.C.A. team by three clear goals in a scrappy hockey encounter after leading by two goals at the interval. Takat Singh, Shah Wali and Datam Ram (penalty short corner) netted for the Regiment.

HOCKEY

MACAO BEAT RECREIO IN THRILLING GAME

(By "ADREM")

HAVING AS much if not more of the play for three-quarters of the game, Recreio's defence cracked up somewhat in the closing stages to allow the visiting Macao hockey team to score two goals and win by that margin.

The match was played on the Club ground—yesterday—before a large crowd of spectators and although play at times was inclined to be scrappy, the speed of the exchanges and quick raids on both goals provided interesting fare, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The visiting team had been hard at practice for this game but they appeared to find some difficulty in settling down—probably eight days of the annual carnival in the Portuguese port is explanation for this!

The inability of Albert Airoso to make the trip necessitated a change in the original line-up. A. Basto, who previously played for the second team against University, was brought in to occupy the left-back berth and Laertes Costa, captain and usual left-half, played in the unaccustomed inside-left position.

Henry Gonsalves, in the Recreio goal, gave a fine display, showing excellent judgement in leaving his citadel, and dealing with all manner of shots with great confidence.

SOUND BACKS

J. M. Gosano and E. L. Gosano were a reliable pair of backs who both tackled without loss of time and cleared with great power. The former's speed stood him in good stead and he covered well, while Eddie was seldom caught out of position.

Gonsalves played a sound game at right-half and Alves was good in a quiet sort of way, but Willie Reed, although he showed flashes of his usual brilliance, was not as safe with his stick as he is wont to be.

The forward-line was ragged, the inside men being too well watched to be effective, while the wingers, although making some good runs, were unable to centre with sufficient power.

Fonseca went very close on several occasions in the later stages of the second half and with a little more fortune might have netted at least once.

Sequeira had a glorious opportunity of scoring when with only the goal-keeper to beat from three yards, he fumbled his shot for the ball to be easily cleared.

The Macao team, at various stages, showed those flashes of combined brilliance for which they have earned a big reputation but on their display yesterday are not a team to beat the Colony's best.

It is probable that the absence of Albert Airoso from the forward-line and Costa in the defence disorganised them and that with their normal team in operation they would have done a great deal better. That, however, will be seen at Easter when the Interport will be played!

SOFTBALL

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL

(By "GRANDSTAND")

This afternoon marks the first occasion in which softball will come to the aid of the British War Organisation Fund in a double header at the Kowloon Football Club.

The opener of the twin bill starts at 2.30 p.m., when the Chinese Cuties tangle with a team from the pick of the other girls' squads; and the nightcap commences at 4 p.m., when the men take the limelight with Portugal clashing with the Rest. Doc Molthen, Earnie Hearther and Roy Lau have been chosen to call these tilts.

There will not be a reserved section at the grandstand, for which the admission will be \$1, and fans are urged to come as early as possible. Cheaper seats may be obtained for the price of 50 cents at the bleachers. Since the latter accommodation is not very far from the diamond, those desirous of economy may still witness these tussles without inconvenience.

Excitement has been rife the past two weeks and most second guessers give the edge to the Rest squads, because it is felt that they have the better teams, notwithstanding the lack of practice in the short space of time that these players have been nominated. The battery of Chief Wahoo Therese Noronha and Lena Luongo is a much steadier one than that of Canuckettes Mary and Dot Louie, and the Rest have an infield that looks like a million dollars. Out in the garden, the Rest have a much heavier hitting trio, too.

NOD GOES TO REST

Matching the men's aggregations isn't difficult as the Rest have the cream of the crop from 13 clubs. That battery of Canuck Herbie Quon and Chung Hwam Nip Lum should hold the Portuguese batterymen of Johnny (Li'l Poison) Alvares and Mike (Fats) Mendonca. The only edge which the Ramblers might have is the fact that, with the exception of Ball Clubman George Souza, they have played together as a team since the League began. Whether that will cut any ice will not be known until the others are seen in action this afternoon.

Whatever the outcome, fans are promised some swell entertainment, especially as the weather man has promised sunshine for today. He can't cross us up to-day!

Almada, in goal, was not tested very often, but Rig. Rosario and A. Basto, considering they were playing together for the first time, gave sterling displays at full back.

Alex Airoso's form was so brilliant that it was probable that this factor contributed as much as anything to Recreio's comparatively poor showing. It was he also who was responsible for the bottling up of Recreio's inside-forwards.

J. Nolasco, although just playing again after an operation for appendicitis, and Santos Ferreira, gave valuable support.

Outstanding in the forward-line were P. Angelo, R. Angelo and Amilear Angelo, the latter well-known to local crowds as a former Hong Kong player. This trio excelled in combination and stickwork and were a constant threat to the Recreio defence.

Amilear, however, showed his old failing of crowding into the middle and thus losing many opportunities of picking up the ball when cleared to the wing.

There was no scoring until half-way through the second half when P. Angelo picked up a good pass from F. Nolasco, the right-wing, and gave Gonsalves no chance with a fine shot.

Recreio returned to the attack but several dangerous raids were repulsed. About 10 minutes before the end Alex Airoso placed the issue beyond doubt when he converted a short corner.

The play was very robust and spills were the rule rather than the exception.

Macao—C. Almada; Rig. Rosario and A. Basto; J. Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and J. Santos Ferreira; F. Nolasco, Laertes Costa (capt.), P. Angelo, R. Angelo and Amilear Angelo.

Recreio—H. Gonsalves; J. M. Gosano and E. L. Gosano; J. Gonsalves, W. A. Reed and T. Alves; J. Fonseca, B. T. Gosano, N. Beltrao, F. Sequeira and J. Soares.

MACAO JUNIORS HELD

Prior to the above match, Macao Juniors met University in a hard-fought encounter which resulted in a goalless draw.

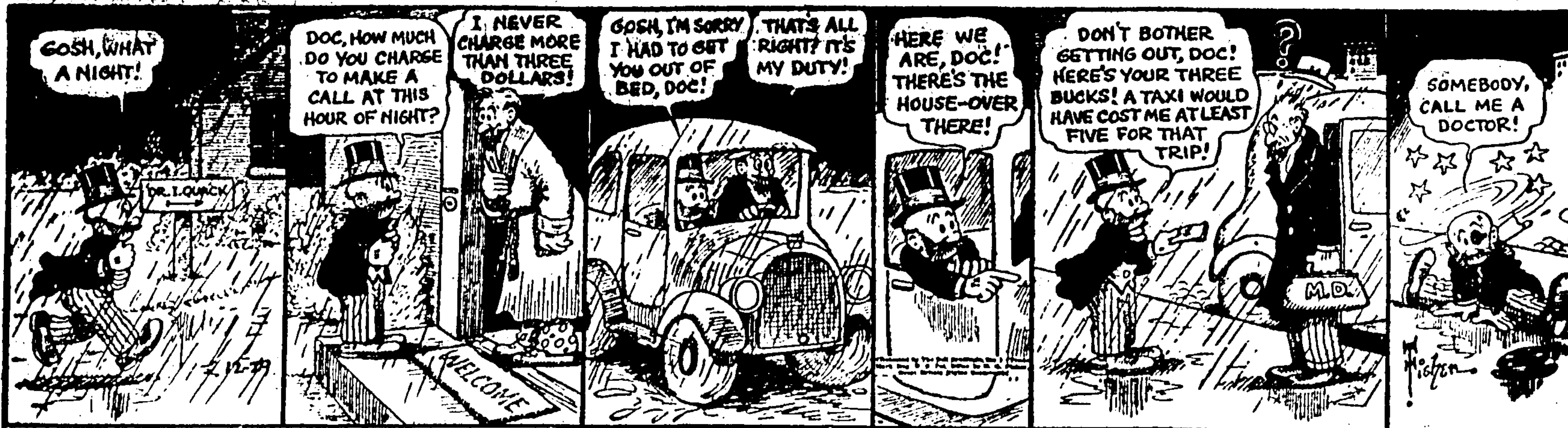
INTERPORT FIXED

The Macao Hockey Association have accepted the invitation of the Hong Kong Hockey Association to play an Interport match in Hong Kong on Easter Sunday, March 8.

Macao have also intimated that they are willing to play one other match with Hong Kong, the outcome of which will determine the Champions of the East.

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12.36 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108.
Joseph Szigeti (Violin) and Egon Petri (Piano).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
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1.15 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
Fifty Years of Song (A Selection of Historical Song Successes); The Thistle (Selection on Scottish Melodies—Myddleton).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
6.00 p.m.—Variety with Ken Harvey, Murgatroyd & Winterbottom,

Frances Langford, Sophie Tucker, & Others.
Comedienne—One Kiss (film 'Big Fella'); Harkem In My Heart (film 'Big Fella') . . . Elisabeth Welch with Orchestra.
Organ—Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Waller); All God's Chillum Got Wings (arr. Waller). . . "Fats" Waller.
Comedienne—Conversational Man (Lerner & Shapiro); I Know That My Baby Is Cheatin' On Me (Lambert & Others) . . . Sophie Tucker with Orchestra.
Quickstep—My Prayer . . . Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Humorous—If You Pretend You're Blue (Crick-Frankau-Handley); Scientifically, Of Course! (Crick-Frankau-Handley). . . Murgatroyd & Winterbottom (Two minds with not a single thought); with Piano accompaniment by Monte Crick.
Banjo—On A Southern Plantation (Selection of Plantation Songs); Melodies of Yesterday—Selection; Ken Harvey with Piano.
Vocal—Melody from the Sky (from 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); Is It True What They Say About Dixie? (Marks & Others); Frances Langford with Orchestra.
Piano—Waltz Medley; Intro: Roses are blooming in-loveland; There's danger in the Waltz; The little golden ring.
Fox-Trot Medley; Intro: Stairway to the stars; I never knew heaven could speak; If I were sure of you, Billy Thorburn.
Orch. — Keep Young! — Polka (Boulanger); Merry & Bright—Fox-Trot Intermezzo (Boulanger); George Boulanger & His Orchestra.

"Lohengrin" (Wagner); Love Duet—Das susse Lied verhallt; Atme Du nicht . . . Tiana Lemnit and Torsten Ralf with Member of the Berlin State Opera Orchestra.
"Marta" — M'Appari Tutt'amo (Flotow); "Faust"—All Bail, Thor Dwelling (Counod) . . . Just Bjorling (Tenor) with Orch.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Ettore Pellegatti ('Cello) and Harry Ore (Piano).

1. (a) Allegretto con moto (from 'Cello Concerto, Op. 23—Saint-Saens); (b) Larghetto (Mozart) 'Cello and Piano.
2. Variations on Yankee Doodle in the style of various composers: Grieg, Tchaikowsky, Brahms, Debussy, Macdowell, Dvorak, Liszt, (Mason, Op. 6). . . Piano.
3. (a) Berceuse (Jarnefelt); (b) Poem (Eric Fogg) . . . 'Cello and Piano.

9.10 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".

9.45 p.m.—Light French Songs by Lys Gauty and Jean Sablon.
J'Attends Un Navire (Weill, Deval) . . . Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
The Cab (Xanrof, arr. Wal-Berg).
Paris, You Have Not Changed (Nohairf - Sinlavine) . . . Jean Sablon with Orchestra.

Le Bonheur Est Entre Dans Mon Coeur (film 'La Goualeuse') . . . Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Studio—"The Beauty of England"—6: Dorset.
Fox-Trot—Stairway To The Stars; F. D. R. Jones . . . Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

Tango—Summer evening in Santa Cruz . . . Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.
Quicksteps—Good Luck Until We Meet Again The Daughter of Mademoiselle From Amentieres Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Love Serenade (film 'Let Freedom Ring'); Quickstep—If I Were Sure Of You (from 'Cotton Club Parade') . . . Victor Silverster & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—An Apple for the Teacher (from 'The Star Maker') . . . Larry Clinton & His Orchestra.

Tangos—Love Letter; Letter of Farewell . . . Osker Joost Tango Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot — East side of Heaven . . . Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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At Table Two, North decided to take things slowly. However, when his partner, in addition to bidding hearts, was able to show a club suit, North couldn't resist jumping to a Slam in clubs.

North, Dealer

♠ 10 2
♥ A J 10 9 8 7 5
♦ A K 9 8
♣ J 9 7 6 3
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♠ K 10 8 5
♥ K J 8 5
♦ 4 3
♣ 8 6
A Q 4
K Q 9 7 6 3
Q J 10 5 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♠	2♥	2♠
2♠	2♠	4♠	Pass
6♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Of course a heart lead by West would have immediately set the contract—but what a miraculous guess

that would have been! Instead, West opened a spade and South thankfully discarded both of dummy's hearts on his Ace-Queen. Declarer was then easily able to establish dummy's diamond suit and wound up by making a Grand Slam.

We must confess we like this North and South pair's bidding, even though the Slam might have been defeated.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K J x x x
♥ A x x x x
♦ x
♣ x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER:—Your correct response is two spades. Not only have you passed a maximum, but you have tremendous support for your partner's heart suit.

Score 100% for two spades, 80% for three hearts (slightly inadequate), 60% for four hearts, (you are definitely interested in a Slam), 40% for one spade.

QUESTION NO. 329

Neither side is vulnerable. You and your partner (Merwin Maier) have a part score of 70, and you hold:

♠ x
♥ A K x x x
♦ A J x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 15th February to Wednesday the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

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Hong Kong, 8th. February, 1940.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

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RUSSIA FORTIFYING MANCHURIA FRONTIER

Rome, To-day.

Russia has hurriedly resumed work on the fortifications all along the Manchukuo frontier following the breakdown in the boundary negotiations with Japan, according to the "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, quoted in a Moscow despatch to the Stefani news agency.

It is added that at the same time work is being rapidly pushed forward to transform Vladivostok into a fortified naval base. —Reuter.

OFFENDS THE NAZIS

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF A COPENHAGEN AND STOCKHOLM PAPER HAS HAD HIS TELEPHONE CUT OFF BY THE NAZIS.

This, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidningen," was because he sent messages which, according to the Nazis, "had offended against objectivity."

His telephone will be restored after some weeks, but until then he cannot serve his newspapers.—Reuter.

HEROISM IN SEA DRAMA

London, To-day.

A thrilling story of the Third Engineer's gallantry was told yesterday when 76 out of the 77 members of the crew of the sunk Canadian Pacific steamer, Beaverbourn, landed at a South Coast port.

The last man to leave the vessel after she was torpedoed in broad daylight off the south coast of England was the engineer, Harry Teale of Southampton, who remained in the engine-room to switch off the engines.

He thus prevented explosions which might have killed many of his shipmates.

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Four of the ship's boats got safely away from the vessel. Only one man, the chief cook, was drowned.

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London, To-day.

On the return of the British Labour mission from Finland, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker in an interview described the Finns as a race of supermen.

"I have seen four armies in the field but have never seen anything to beat the Finns as soldiers, but they need help," he said emphasising the special need for weapons to combat air raids.

"We saw enough air raids to convince us that open towns are being bombed for no reason except that they are open towns. Bombs fell in Turku and other places within two miles of the port or anywhere else of military importance. It wasn't just had marksmanship."

Sir Walter Citrine told Reuter one could not help being impressed by the sublime confidence of the Finns, which was not in the least based upon ignorance. "They have measured the risks against them and although the odds are very considerable they believe that if they receive the help they confidently expect from countries like Britain they can successfully resist the invasion."—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

"The methods which made us lose the peace are not suitable for winning the war," said the Finance Minister in the Chamber defending the proposal to revise the manner of taxing businesses. "It was our inability to exercise willpower and to act that is responsible for the fact that 20 years after a complete victory we have to go through the present trial." Certain deputies, he said, had objected to the old habits being changed and compulsion applied. "You will see many more such changes. I also have been a partisan of liberalism but now only one thing counts — the war. Nobody and nothing can hold up the efforts of the State."—Reuter.

Bucharest, To-day.

News of the new Rumanian defence line, the so-called Carol's Dyke, were released to the newspapers here for the first time yesterday. Whole pages are devoted to descriptions and illustrations. The "Universal" declares that any attempt at a surprise attack will certainly fail. No tank could pass those gigantic trans and canals whose waters would be instantly covered with inflammable liquid. The fortifications were executed in record time and materialised the slogan "Not An Inch." — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Hundreds of important documents, alleged to relate to affairs going beyond the scope of the functions of a trade mission, were seized during the police raids on the Soviet trade bureau. Several members of the mission were held for questioning and subsequently released.—Reuter.

Istanbul, To-day.

The naval authorities have discharged 20 German engineers and technicians engaged in fitting engines to two submarines built for the Turkish Navy. A detachment of Turkish marines is reported to have occupied the shipyard and denied the Germans permission to enter and continue the work. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The French colonial army can, in a short time if the need arises, reach the two million mark without seriously disorganising the colonial economy, according to figures given by the head of the Ministry of Colonies propaganda bureau. He states that vessels have been transporting coloured troops to French soil "with magnificent regularity."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the fullest arrangements had been made to enable British insurance companies to carry on their overseas business without impediment and to meet claims by Allied, neutral or British claimants in accordance with the terms of the policy whether it is expressed in Sterling or in foreign currency.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

A mass trial of 64 Ukrainian leaders is to be staged at Kiev, states the Polish telegraphic agency. They are charged with accepting financial help from Germany to the national Ukrainian movement in Soviet Ukraine. — Reuter.

New York, To-day.

According to San Francisco reports to the "New York Times," Russian gold bars to the value of \$5,600,000 were taken from the Soviet freighter Kim to the Chase Bank in New York. The Kim, which is at San Francisco under a strong guard, is sailing to-day to load copper ore at Manzanillo, Mexico, for Vladivostok. — Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

Lord Tweedsmuir's condition is giving rise to grave anxiety, according to a bulletin. He spent a restless night and his condition gives rise to grave anxiety owing to his increasing weakness.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden will probably not make an official protest to Russia about the bombing of the Virgo. It now appears that the bombing did not occur, as originally reported, in the neutral Aaland Islands zone but in the Turku archipelago, which is part of the zone where Russia has declared a blockade. —Reuter.

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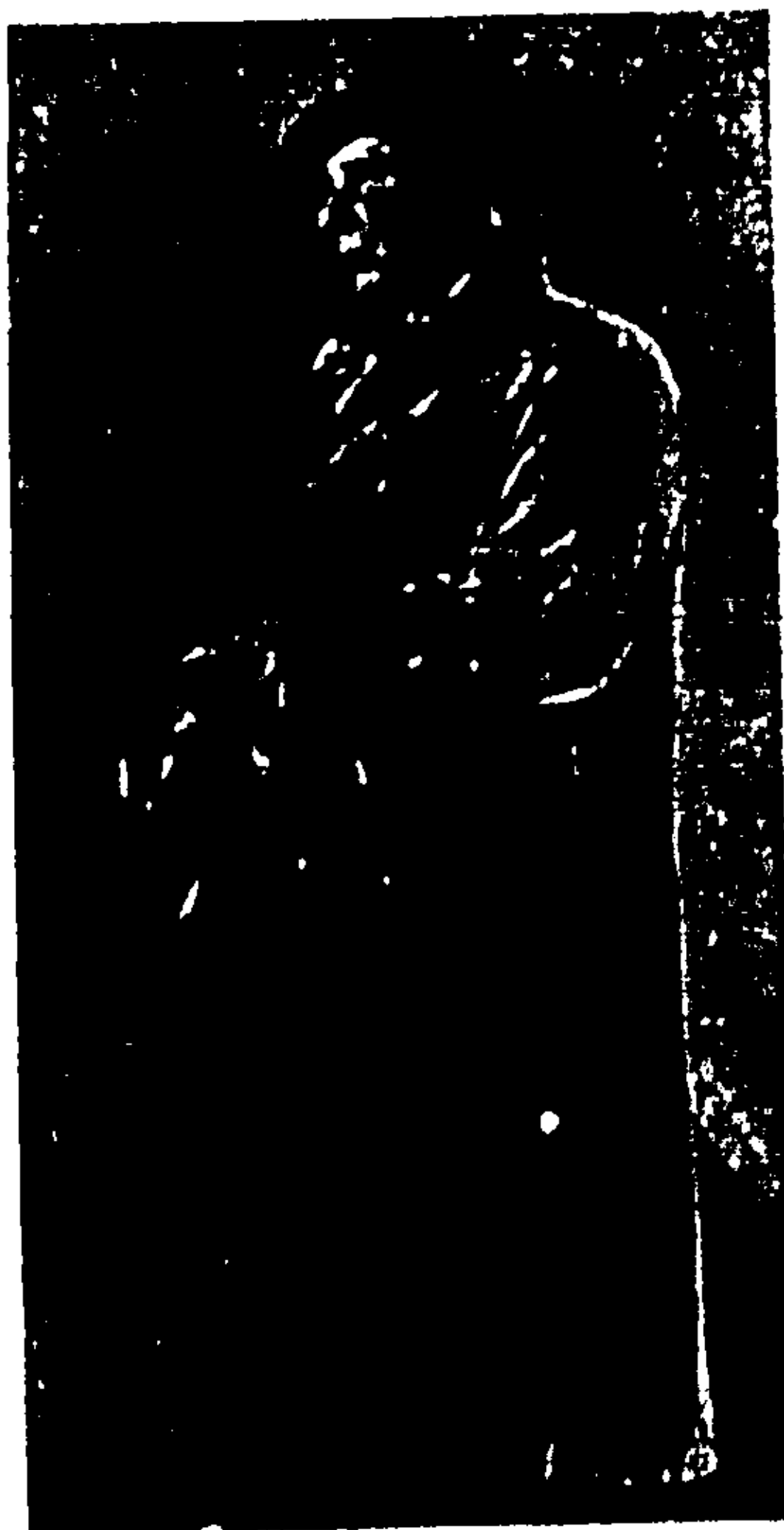
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